

## Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8895; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to [office@maxwellmc.org](mailto:office@maxwellmc.org) by Wednesday.
- **Disaffiliation Tidbit**: As of November 20, 2023, 7,286 US churches have disaffiliated.
- **December 3**: Ad Council meeting today following worship.
- **December 10**: SSNOW Christmas program during morning worship service.
- **December 10**: Tis the Season. Plates for shut-ins will be fixed following worship. All our encouraged to bring a plate of cookies to share for fellowship and for shut-in plates.
- **December 10**: Mission team meeting following fellowship
- **December 24**: No morning worship at 10:00 am.
- **December 24**: 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service.

**Daily Devotional**: The December/January/February 2023-2024 daily devotional "***Our Daily Bread***" is available on the sanctuary table and on the podium outside the pastor's office.



### **New Beginnings - Old Traditions**

We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If you believe, come join us Sunday @ 10:00 am.

Faith Statement by Linden Caple, April 23, 2023

**December 3, 2023**  
**Celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**



**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ  
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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**Maxwell Methodist Church**  
**December 3, 2023 @ 10 a.m.**  
**Celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Pastors: Robert and Carol Bacon**  
**Pianist Deb Mitchell**  
**\*Please stand if able**

Prelude. . . . . Deb Mitchell

Welcome/ Announcements

Greeting

Praise Team

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Candle of Peace . . . . Mat & Jalane Vaughn Family

\*Hymn: . . . . “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”. . . . . Hymnal #224

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

Offering plates will be at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

**\*Doxology: Praise God the source of life and birth;  
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;  
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame;  
All glory, honor to God’s name!**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Special Music. . . . . Steph Thompson

Hymn. . . . . “You Are My All in All”. . . . . Worship & Song #3040

Scripture. . . . . John16:25-33; Luke 2:14 (NIV)

**John 16:25-33**

<sup>25</sup> “Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my

name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf.  
<sup>27</sup> No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me  
and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the  
Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and  
going back to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly  
and without figures of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know  
all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you  
questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

<sup>31</sup> “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. <sup>32</sup> “A time is coming  
and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your  
own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my  
Father is with me.

<sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have  
peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have  
overcome the world.”

**Luke 2:14**

<sup>214</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Message. . . . . “Peace from Jesus” . . . . . Rob Bacon

Hymn . . . . . “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” . . . . . Hymnal #218

\*Benediction

Postlude. . . . . Deb Mitchell