

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 by Wednesday.
- **December 24**: No morning worship at 10:00 am.
- **December 24**: 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service.
- **January 14, 2024**: Ad Council Meeting following worship.

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 17, 2023
Celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent



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



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

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Maxwell Methodist Church
December 17, 2023 @ 10 a.m.
Celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent
Pastors: Robert and Carol Bacon
Pianist Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome / Announcements

Praise Team

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Candle of Love Dave & Meridith Jans

***Hymn. “Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”. Hymnal #234**

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. Lee Sharp

Hymn. “Oh, How I Love Jesus”. Hymnal #170

Scripture. John 3:16 & 1 John 4:9-10 (NIV)

John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:9-10

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Message. "The Love of the Lord" Rob Bacon

*Hymn "Love Has Come" Worship & Song #3059

*Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell

THE SYMBOLISM OF OUR CHRISMON TREE

Our Christmas tree is called a "Chrismon" tree. The word "Chrismon" is a combination of parts of two words: **CHRIST** and **MONogram**. A Chrismon is just that--a monogram of Christ.

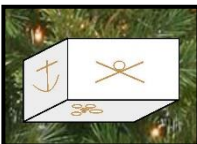
All Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold. White, the liturgical color for Christmas, refers to our Lord's purity and perfection; gold, to His majesty and glory. We point to Christ as the Light of the world by using tiny white lights on the tree.

CHI RHO WITH ALPHA & OMEGA



This Chrismon is a combination of the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ, Christos (XPISTOS). The Chi Rho (XP) was widely used by the early church. In that day, the shame and pain of the cross was too immediate for most people to use the sign of the cross openly.

CORNERSTONE



The cornerstone Chrismon symbolizes Christ. Mark 12:10 "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner." Ephesians 2:20 "...Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone."