

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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



And be not conformed
to this
World but be
TRANSFORMED
by the
Renewing
OF
YOUR **MIND**
that you may prove what is that
good, and acceptable, and perfect,
WILL of GOD.

ROMANS 12:2



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Maxwell Methodist Church
January 19, 2025, @ 10 a.m.
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
***Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Team

Order of Worship

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Leader: Let us worship God today –

People: Because we are God's people.

All: Let us worship God.

*Congregational Song: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" TFWS # 2158

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

Special Music. Lee Sharp

Scripture. Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:5-9 (NIV)

A Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2)

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Philippians 2:5-9

- ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
- ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name.

Congregational Song . . “Change My Heart, O God” . .TFWS # 2152

Sermon. “Marks of a Transformed Life “ Rob Bacon

***Congregational Song . . “A Charge to Keep I Have” . . . Hymnal #413**

Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **January 20 @ 9 am**: Sewing Group
- **January 25 @ 8:00 am**: Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
- **January 26 Time TBD**: Youth Group
- **February 1 (Saturday)**: Benefit for Kelsey Fisher (Info in foyers).
- **February 14 @ 6:00 pm (Friday)**: Valentine's Day Dinner, More details will be coming in the next few weeks.
- **Shut-in Birthday**: Barb Caple will celebrate her 90th birthday today. Address: Story County Long Term Care, 630 6th Street, Nevada, IA 50201. Barb and Linden have been members of the Maxwell Methodist Church for 70 years. Barb and Linden joined on November 28, 1954.

Origin of Amen

Amen is an affirmation of truth first seen in the Old Testament and later in the New Testament. The first mention of the word "amen" in the Bible is found in [Numbers 5:22](#).