

JULY 6, 2025
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MISSION STATEMENT: TO BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST
AND NURTURE THEM IN THE FAITH



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Maxwell Methodist Church
July 6, 2025 – 4th Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
Pianist: Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Team

***Congregational Song.Hymnal #174**
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

***The Apostles’ Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
he ascended into heaven
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Congregational Singing.TFWS #2098
“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” (Verses Only)

Prayer Requests / Praise / Thanksgivings
Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offering

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

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

Scripture. Luke 1:26-35 & Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

Luke 1:26-35 The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Sermon:

“This I Believe...I Believe in the Virgin Birth”. . . Pastor Rob Bacon

***Congregational Song. . “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”. . .TFWS #2100**
(Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

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.
- **July 7 @ 8:00 am**: Volunteer Sewing Group. Note time change.
- **Fellowship after church has gone GREEN**: Dishwasher safe smiley plates, green glasses, and green coffee cups are in the cupboard. Silverware is located in the drawer if needed. There is a tote for used dishes at the end of the serving table. If you are serving, please load and run the dishwasher when fellowship is done. Dishwasher detergent is under the sink. Thanks. **Brooksie Miller and Carol Hart**
- **Free Old Hymnals**: The old hymnals are in the Wesley Café on the north bench. Please feel free to take one (or two or three..). Some are marked in remembrance of various people. If you would like to have one donated in a family member's name, please feel free to take the hymnal(s).