

**September 7, 2025**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**



**Today's Theme**  
**Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting**

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



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**Maxwell Methodist Church**  
**September 7, 2025 – 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**We Worship With Praise**

**\*Congregational Song. . . . . “God Himself is With Us” . . . . . Hymnal #18**

**\*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,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and buried.  
He descended to the dead  
On the third day rose again.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He 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.**

**We Worship Through Prayer**

Prayer Requests / Praises / Thanksgivings

Prayer Chorus . . . . . “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”. . . . . Hymnal #670

Pastoral Prayer

## **We Worship With Our Gifts**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

## **We Worship As We Hear God's Word**

Scripture . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

### **Believers Who Have Died**

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sermon. . . . . Pastor Rob Bacon

"This I Believe...I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting"

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Invitation

The Confession:

**Almighty and most merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past, and grant that we may ever serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Pardon

The Comforting Words

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

**And with your spirit.**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of Bread

The Reception of the Bread and Wine

**\*Congregational Song. . . . . "Because He Lives". . . . . Hymnal #265**

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](mailto: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.
- **September 10** Wednesday @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm SSNOW
- **September 22** Monday @ 9 am: Volunteer Sewing
- **October 5** Mission Sunday

Foods at First, Nevada, needs clean plastic bags to sack up their meals for delivery. Please save your sacks and bring to church. Thanks.

### **Prayer List**

Brooksie Miller  
Jerry & Wanda Swanberg  
Deb Evans