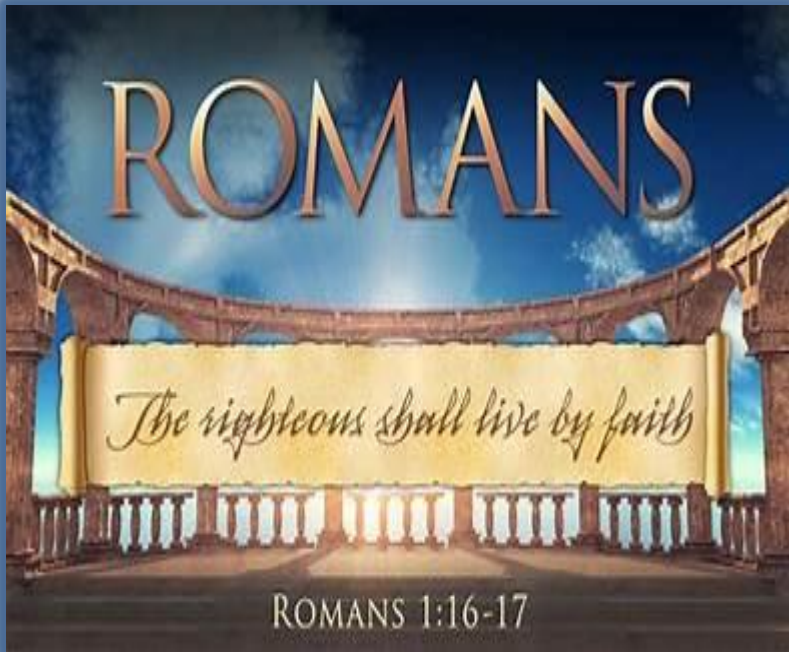


**September 28, 2025**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**



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



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**September 28, 2025 – 16<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

**We Worship as We Gather**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life.

**People: The life we have been given by God.**

Leader: The life we share with one another and in communion with the Holy Spirit.

**People: The life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

Leader: Let us be grateful for the joy of life.

**People: And let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**We Worship as We Rejoice**

Praise Team

**We Worship Together in Belief**

**\*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 was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day, He 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 in Song

\*Hymn: . . . . . “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less. . . . . Hymnal #102

## We Worship by Hearing the Word

\*Scriptures :

### Psalm 111

#### Praise the LORD

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.
- <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- <sup>8</sup> They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- <sup>9</sup> He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

### Exodus 33:18-19

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup> And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

### Romans 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.

### **John 1:10-14**

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—  
<sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**\*Gloria Patri . . . . . Hymnal #33**

### **We Worship in Prayer**

Praises and Requests

Prayer Chorus . . . . . "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". . . . . Hymnal #670

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Hymn. . . . . "Grace Greater Than Our Sin". . . . . Hymnal #558

### **We Worship With Our Gifts**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

### **We Worship in Learning the Word**

Sermon. . . . . "An Introduction to the Book of Romans". . . . . Carol Bacon

### **We Worship in Song**

**\*Hymn. . . . . "Such Love" Vs. 1 & 4. . . . . Hymnal #98**

**\*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 28**: Youth Group Outing TBD
- **October 5 10:00 am**: Mission Sunday Guest Speaker Rev. Tony Valant.  
**5:30 to 6 pm**: Fellowship time prior to a potluck at 6:00 pm. Pulled pork and table service will be provided with attendees providing a side dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be in the Wesley Café.  
**7:00 pm**: Guest Speaker Rev. Tony Valant
- **October 5**: World Wide Communion Sunday
- **October 5**: SSNOW will sing during morning worship.
- **October is Clergy Appreciation Month**: Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month is one specific day to nationally pay tribute to our clergy. Also referred to as Clergy Appreciation Day, this day of showing national gratitude for clergy members is celebrated on the second Sunday in October or anytime during October.

### **SSNOW 2025-2026**

We are pleased to have Danielle Frank as the new SSNOW leader assisted by Jalane Vaughn. Mary Fullerton assists with check-in along with part-time helpers Sheri Sharp, Kennedy Hosteller, and Lisa Meade. On September 17, 27 children attended SSNOW. With the increasing attendance numbers, additional volunteers (full-time or part-time) are needed ASAP. Contact Danielle Frank at (515) 290-7397. Share your talents even if for half an hour; come read to the children, help with the meal, assist with music, etc.