

October 5, 2025
17th Sunday After Pentecost

THE GREAT COMMISSION

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- Matthew 28:19-20

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



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Maxwell Methodist Church
October 5, 2025 – 17th 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: Sing to the Lord a new song,
People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Leader: Sing to the Lord, praise His name,
People: Proclaim His salvation day after day.
Leader: Declare His glory among the nations,
People: His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
Leader: For great is the Lord,
People: And most worthy of praise.

***Opening Prayer**

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:** “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”. Hymnal #115

SSNOW Children Under the direction of Danielle Frank

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Scriptures :

Joshua 1:9

⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”.

***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

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 and Communion

Sermon. Rev. Tony Valant

Holy Communion

We Worship in Song

***Hymn.** “Jesus Saves!” Vs. 1 & 4. Hymnal #556

***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.
- **Today 5:30 to 6 pm**: Fellowship time with Rev. Tony Valant prior to a potluck at 6:00 pm and worship service at 7:00 pm. Pulled pork and table service will be provided with attendees providing a side dish to share.
- **October 12 @ 5:15-7:00 pm**: Youth Group at the church
- **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.
- **October 25**: Men's Breakfast. Time to be determined to meet at the church and go to Farrar for their Hunter's Breakfast. The annual Hunter's / Harvest Breakfast will be serving egg bakes, ham, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee --- and a generous helping of fellowship for the entire community. (Free will offering.)
- **October 30 Light the Night**: Details to follow.

Card Shower and Prayers

Shirley McBride's granddaughter Calley Cortez-Cox has been diagnosed with ALS. Calley's birthday is October 10th. She's hanging in there waiting for her first grandbaby, a little girl, to be born in October. Cards may be sent to:

Calley Cortez-Cox,
Mississippi Valley Healthcare #212
500 Messenger Rd.
Keokuk, IA 52632