

November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday After Pentecost



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



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Maxwell Methodist Church
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Pianist: Deb Mitchell

*Please stand if able

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

We Worship as We Rejoice

Praise Team

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come ye that love the Lord,

People: And let our joys be known.

Leader: Join in a song with sweet accord,

People: And thus surround the throne.

Leader: God is our strength and song.

People: Let us praise Him all the day long.

We Worship in Song

*Hymn. “Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymnal #27

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 by Hearing the Word

Scriptures (NIV) Psalm 1, Jeremiah 2:11-13, Ephesians 4:22-24, Matthew 7:1-5

Psalm 1

- ¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 2:11-13

- ¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods
(Yet they are not gods at all.)
But my people have exchanged their glorious God
for worthless idols.
¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens,
and shudder with great horror,”
declares the LORD
¹³ “My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

New Testament: Ephesians 4:22-24

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

***The Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5** (Please stand)

⁷ “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

***Gloria Patri Hymnal #33**

We Worship in Prayer

Praises and Requests
Prayer Chorus “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”.Hymnal #670
Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

We Worship in Song

Hymn. “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”. TFWS #2191

We Worship With Our Gifts

Offering plates are at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.
***Doxology / *Offertory Prayer**

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. “The Wise Became Fools”. Pastor Rob Bacon
Romans 1:21-32

We Worship in Song

***Hymn. “Search Me, O God”.Hymnal #325**

***Benediction**

Postlude.Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor’s Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob 515-460-8885; Carol 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **November 9 @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm**: Youth Group meet at the church.
- **November 17 @ 9 a.m**: Volunteer Sewing Group
- **November 30**: Advent Season begins. After worship decorate for Advent.
- **December 14**: SSNOW Christmas Program during morning worship.
- **December 14**: Fix shut-in plates. Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate of goodies (cookies or candy) to share for fellowship and for shut-In plates.
- **December 24**: Christmas Eve Service. Time to be announced.