

November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

You, therefore, have no
excuse, you who pass
judgment on someone else,
for at whatever point you
judge another, you are
condemning yourself,
because you who pass
judgment do the
same things.

Romans 2:1



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



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*Please stand if able

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

We Worship as We Rejoice

Praise Team

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People: You are exalted as head over all.

Leader: Wealth and honor come from You;

People: You are the ruler of all things.

Leader: In Your hands are strength and power.

People: Our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name

We Worship in Song

*Hymn. . . . "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Verses 1,2,3,4). . . Hymnal #1

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)

Psalms 62:1-2, 5-8; Isaiah 40:28-31; Ephesians 1:3-10; Matthew 16:24-28

Psalms 62:1-2, 5-8

- ¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.
- ² Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.
- ⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.
- ⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
- ⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31

- ²⁸ Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
- ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
- ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
- ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

New Testament: Ephesians 1:3-10

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and

understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

***The Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28** (Please stand)

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

***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 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. “What? What is That in Your Eye”. Pastor Rob Bacon
Romans 2:1-5

We Prepare Our Hearts for Holy Communion

Hymn. “Come, Holy Spirit”. Hymnal #307 (Verse 3)

We Worship in Song

***Hymn. “My Chains are Gone” Hymnal #574**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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 17 @ 9 a.m.**: Volunteer Sewing Group
- **November 22 @ 8:30 am.** Men's Breakfast
- **November 23**: Youth Group outing. Time & place to be determined.
- **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.

Prayers for:

Wanda Swanberg for recovery from a fall.

Marvalyn Kelly's Family: Marvalyn passed away November 11.

<https://www.lakelandchapel.com/obituaries/Marvalyn-Joy-Kelly?obId=46353595#/obituaryInfo>