

**November 23, 2025  
Christ the King  
& Thanksgiving Sunday**



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



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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: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
For you judge the people with equity  
And guide all the nations upon the earth.

**People: Let all the people praise you, O God;  
Let all the people praise you.**

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase;  
May God, our own God, bless us.

**People: Let all the people praise you, O God;  
Let all the people praise you.**

**We Worship in Song**

\*Hymn. . . . . "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" . . . . . Hymnal #3

**We Worship Together in Prayer**

**\*Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season, and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, in the provision for our necessities, and in the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**We Worship by Hearing Special Music**

Lee Sharp

## **We Worship by Hearing the Word**

Scriptures (NIV) . . . Psalm 126, Joel 2:21-27, Philippians 4:4-9, Luke 17:11-19

### **Psalm 126**

#### **A song of ascents.**

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.
- <sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.
- <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, LORD,  
like streams in the Negev.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

### **Old Testament: Joel 2:21-27**

- <sup>21</sup> Do not be afraid, land of Judah;  
be glad and rejoice.  
Surely the Lord has done great things!
- <sup>22</sup> Do not be afraid, you wild animals,  
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.  
The trees are bearing their fruit;  
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.
- <sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion,  
rejoice in the Lord your God,  
for he has given you the autumn rains  
because he is faithful.  
He sends you abundant showers,  
both autumn and spring rains, as before.
- <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be filled with grain;  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.
- <sup>25</sup> “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—  
the great locust and the young locust,  
the other locusts and the locust swarm—  
my great army that I sent among you.
- <sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has worked wonders for you;

never again will my people be shamed.

<sup>27</sup> Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the Lord your God,  
and that there is no other;  
never again will my people be shamed.

### **New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9**

#### **Final Exhortations**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

### **\*The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19** (Please stand)

#### **Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy**

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?”

<sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

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

#### **We Worship in Prayer**

Praises, Thanksgivings and Requests

Silent Prayer / Pastoral 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. . . . . “A Lifestyle of Thanksgiving ”. . . . . Pastor Rob Bacon

**We Prepare Our Hearts for Holy Communion**

*(Order of Holy Communion Service in Hymnal, Page 730)*

The Invitation

The Confession

The Pardon

The Comforting Words

The Peace

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Reception

**We Worship in Song**

\*Hymn. . . . . “Now Thank We All Our God”. . . . . Hymnal #84

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](mailto:office@maxwellmc.org) by Wednesday.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **SSNOW**: Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **November 23**: Youth Group outing. Time & place to be determined.
- **November 30**: Advent Season begins. After worship decorate for Advent.
- **December 7**: Ad Council following worship.
- **December 7, 5:15 – 7 pm**: Youth Group
- **December 14**: SSNOW Christmas Program during morning worship.
- **December 14: 4 – 8 pm**: Youth Group Christmas Party @ Sharps.
- **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>