

November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent



**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: The Lord God of Israel said, "I will send my Messenger,
who will prepare the way before me.

People: A voice of one calling:
"In the desert prepare the way for the Lord."

Leader: "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

People: "Every valley shall be raised up.
Every mountain and hill made low:

Leader: The rough ground shall become level,
And the rugged places a plain."

People: "And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and
All mankind together will see it."

We Worship as We Begin the Season of Advent

We light the Candle of Hope

We Worship in Song

Hymn. "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus". Hymnal #163

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:..Psalm 25:1-10, Isaiah 9:6-7, Hebrews 6:16-19, Matthew 24:36-44
(See insert)

***Gloria Patri Hymnal #33**

We Worship in Prayer

Praises and Requests
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 Song

*Hymn.”My Hope is Built”.Hymnal #102

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. “Life Has an Anchor in Hope ”. Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

***Hymn. “We Have an Anchor”.Hymnal #353**

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.
- **SNNOW**: Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **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.

Today's Scriptures

Psalms 25:1-10 (NIV)

- ¹ In you, LORD my God,
I put my trust.
- ² I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ³ No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.
- ⁴ Show me your ways, LORD,
Teach me your paths.
- ⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long
- ⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.
- ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- ⁹ He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.
- ¹⁰ All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

- ⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

New Testament: Hebrews 6:16-19 (NIV)

¹⁶ People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. ¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf.

***The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44** (Please stand)

The Day and Hour Unknown

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,¹ but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.