

December 14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent



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



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Maxwell Methodist Church
December 14, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
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: Celebrate Imanuel's name,
The Prince of Life and peace.

**People: God with us, our lips proclaim,
Our faithful hearts confess.**

Leader: God is in our flesh revealed;
Heaven and earth in Jesus join.

**People: Moral with Immortal filled,
And human with Divine.**

Leader: Father, manifest Thy Son;
Breathe the true Incarnate Word.

**People: In our inmost souls make known
The presence of our Lord.**

We Worship in Prayer

***God of Israel, with expectant hearts
we, your people, await Christ's coming.
As once he came in humility,
so now may he come in glory,
that he may make all things perfect
in your everlasting kingdom.
For he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

We Worship as We Begin the Season of Advent

We light the Candle of Joy. Trevor and Amanda Sharp

We Worship in Song

Hymn. "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Hymnal #190

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:.. Romans 15:7-13 *The Message (MSG)*

⁷⁻¹³ So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now **you** do it! Jesus, staying true to God's purposes, reached out in a special way to the Jewish insiders so that the old ancestral promises would come true for them. As a result, the non-Jewish outsiders have been able to experience mercy and to show appreciation to God. Just think of all the Scriptures that will come true in what we do!

For instance:

Then I'll join outsiders in a hymn-sing;
I'll sing to your name!

And this one:

Outsiders and insiders, rejoice together!

And again:

People of all nations, celebrate God!
All colors and races, give hearty praise!

And Isaiah's word:

There's the root of our ancestor Jesse,
breaking through the earth and growing tree tall,
Tall enough for everyone everywhere to see and take hope!

Oh! May the God of **hope** fill you up with **joy**, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

***Gloria Patri Hymnal #33**

We Worship in Prayer

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 with SSNOW

The Christmas Story told by the Children

We Worship in Song

***Hymn.....“Joy to the World”.....Hymnal #201**

Benediction

Postlude..... Deb Mitchell

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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.
- **SSNOW**: Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **December 14:** SSNOW Christmas Program during morning worship.
- **December 14 - 4 – 8 pm:** Youth Group Christmas Party @ Sharps.
- **December 14:** Fix shut-in plates. Thank you to everyone who brought goodies (cookies or candy) to share for fellowship and for shut-In plates.
- **December 24 @ 5:30 pm:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Maxwell Methodist Women's Group

The "Bible Babes"

Bible Babes Women's Bible Study— New Series on ANGELS!

Starting—Thursday, January 8th, 2026, 6:30pm

Maxwell Methodist Church Lower Level

Ladies, you're invited! Join the *Bible Babes* as we kick off a brand-new study all about Angels—who they are, what the Bible says about them, and how God uses them in powerful ways.

Come for:



Fun, faith-filled fellowship



Easy, meaningful conversations



A safe space to grow together



Inspiration for the New Year!

Bring a friend, your Bible, and your beautiful self.

We can't wait to dig in together!

NOTE: This study uses text and videos each week. An Angels book is not required to attend the study, but if you'd like to purchase one, they are available on Amazon for \$21.99.

Angels by Melissa Spoelstra

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