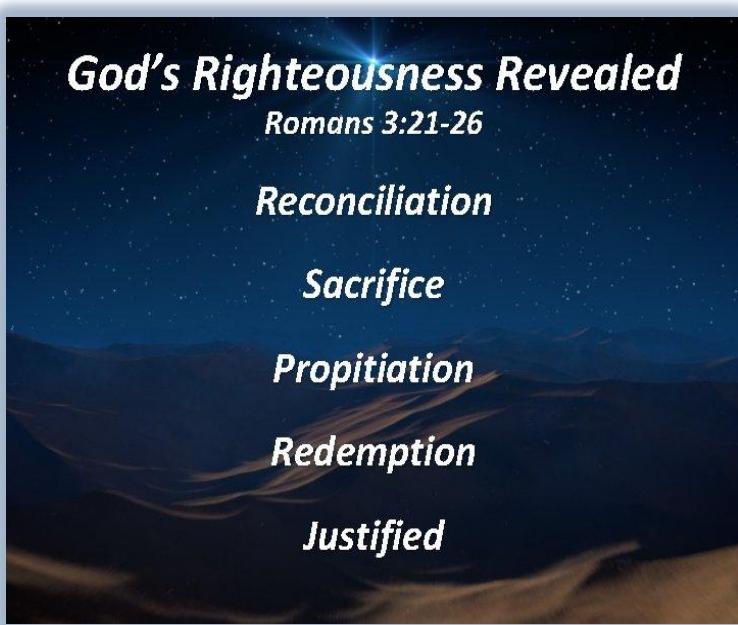


February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after the Epiphany



**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

The Praise Team

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We look around and see how we have been blessed -

People: Blessed with mercy and grace, forgiveness, and righteousness.

Leader: God's goodness washes over us, and we receive these gifts with thanks.

People: At this time, we thank God for all He has given.

Leader: Come, let us worship Christ, our Savior and King.

ALL: So let us worship God!

We Worship in Prayer

***O God, just as we look into a mirror to see soiled spots on our face, so let us look to you in order to understand the things that we have done amiss. We are like a reed shaken in the wind; we are inexpressibly weak. Leave us not to ourselves, but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions.**

Amen.

We Worship as in Song

Hymn. "We Sing to You, O God"..... TFWS #2001

We Worship in Prayer

Praises and Requests

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Worship in Giving

Offering plates are at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Doxology / *Offertory Prayer**

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Psalm 32:1-5

¹Blessed is the one
 whose transgressions are forgiven,
 whose sins are covered.

²Blessed is the one
 whose sin the LORD does not count against them
 and in whose spirit is no deceit.

³When I kept silent,
 my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night
 your hand was heavy on me;
 my strength was sapped
 as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you
 and did not cover up my iniquity.
 I said, “I will confess
 my transgressions to the LORD.”
And you forgave
 the guilt of my sin.

Hebrews 10:1-4

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

¹The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ²Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins.
⁴It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Romans 3:21-26

Righteousness Through Faith

²But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

We Worship in Song

Hymn. "You Are My All in All".....W&S (Green Book) #3040

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. "Coming Up Short"..... Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship as in Song

*Hymn. "May The Mind of Christ, My Savior!"..... Hymnal #585

*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.
- **SSNOW**: Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **February 8, 2026**: Ad Council following worship
- **February 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm**: Bible BABES (Build And Bless Every Soul) Study
- **February 15, 2026**: Youth Group, Time TBD
- **February 16, 2026 @ 9 am**: Volunteer Sewing Group