

March 1, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday



**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

The Praise Team

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from
Where will my help come?

**People: My help comes from the Lord, the
the maker of heaven and earth**

Leader: For God so loved the world that
He gave His only Son.

**People: Whoever believes in Him shall not
perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who gives life to all.

ALL: We praise and trust in the Lord, our Redeemer!

We Worship in Prayer

***Gracious and forgiving God, we confess we too often doubt Your promises and ignore Your goodness. We seek security in broken and morally bankrupt things that absolutely cannot satisfy. Forgive us for our sins and renew our faith in Your unfailing love. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We Worship as in Song

Hymn. “O God Our Help in Ages Past”.Hymnal #15

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 121 {NIV}

A song of ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
 where does my help come from?
² My help comes from the LORD,
 the Maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot slip—
 he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD watches over you—
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
 he will watch over your life;
⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
 both now and forevermore.

John 3:1-17 (NIV)

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

³ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses

lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

We Worship in Song

Hymn. “Be Thou My Vision” Hymnal #49

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. “Nick at Night” Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship as in Song

*Hymn. “Lift High the Cross” Hymnal #226

*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
- **Babes Bible Study**: Thursday @ 6:30 pm
- **March 8**: Daylight Savings Time Begins