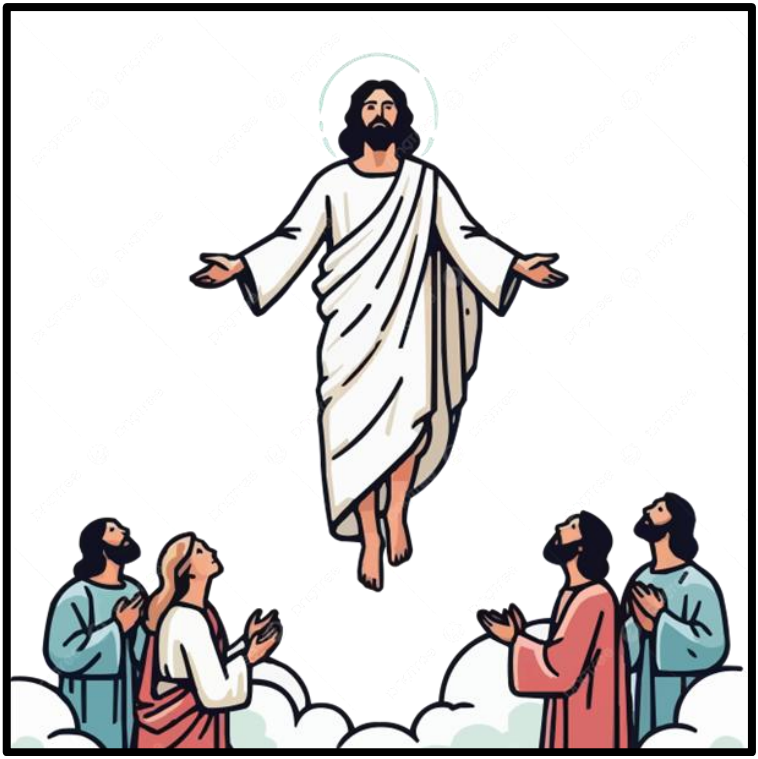
May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday



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Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
Pianist: Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude. . . . . Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

We are Led in Worship

Praise Team

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
People: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord,
with the sound of a trumpet.
Leader: Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."
People: We come to worship the ascended Christ, who reigns in glory.
Leader: Come: Let us worship the King of kings.
ALL: Alleluia! Christ is exalted.

We Worship in Prayer

***Exalted Lord on high, we confess that we are slow to trust in Your word and eternal reign. We doubt Your power and fail to live as our witnesses. Forgive us and fill us with the hope of Your ascension. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We Worship in Singing

*Hymn. . . . . ."Crown Him with Many Crowns". . . . . Hymnal #278

We Worship in the Sqacrament of Baptism

Today, we baptize and dedicate Emiree Renee-Lynn Sheely daughter of Christopher Sheely and Lauren McKenzie.

We Worship in Prayer

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 in Song

Hymn. . . . . “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”. . . . . Hymnal #269 (Vs. 1 & 2))

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do
and to teach [2] until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving
instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. [3] After his
suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that
he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke
about the kingdom of God. [4] On one occasion, while he was eating with them,
he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift
my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. [5] For John
baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit.”

[6] Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this
time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

[7] He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father
has set by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

[9] After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud
hid him from their sight.

[10] They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when
suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. [11] “Men of Galilee,”
they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who
has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you
have seen him go into heaven.”

We Worship in Learning the Word

Sermon. . . . . “Why Look Up, We Need to Look Out” . . . . . .Rob Bacon

We Worship as in Song

*Hymn. . . . . “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” . . . . . .Hymnal #146

*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.
- **Bible Babes Study**: Thursday @ 6:30 pm
- **May 18 @ 9:00 am**: Volunteer Sewing Group
- **Save the Date May 31**: Church cleaning day following worship. Sign-up today. See list being circulated. Also bring some cleaning supplies on the 31st .

Pentecost Sunday May 24– Wear Red

Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church, is a momentous occasion that commemorates the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus. This divine outpouring marked the inception of the Christian community and ignited the flames of faith across the world. But why wear red on this special day? The color red has a deep symbolic meaning in Christian tradition and serves as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church. Just as flames of fire descended upon the disciples, enveloping them with divine power and inspiration, the color red ignites our hearts with fervor and zeal for our faith.