

October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Pianist: Deb Mitchell

*Please stand if able

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us worship God, our Father, today, for God is great -
People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with family.
Leader: Let us worship God, our Father, today, for God is good -
People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.
Leader: Let us worship God, our Father, today -
People: Because we are the family of God.
All: Let us worship God Today!

***Prayer of Confession**

With gratitude, we express our praise to you, O God, for the blessing of family ties. But so often we want to receive from the family more than we contribute. Forgive us when our selfish ways hinder the wholeness which you intend each family member to achieve. Help us to love, that our lives will be a source of joy in our homes. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We are Led in Worship

Praise Team

We Worship in Song

*Opening Hymn "Jesus Loves Me! This I Know". Hymnal #155

We Worship in Prayer

Praise Offerings / 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

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4 (NIV)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at, and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: “Connecting with God’s Family”. Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship at the Lord’s Table

*Communion Song. “One Is the Body”. Green Book.#3156
Holy Communion

***Closing Song. “The Family of God”**

*I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God –
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I’m part of the family, the family of God.*

Closing Prayer

Postlude. Deb Mitchell

Connecting With God’s Family

I. The Implications of Connecting

- A. The _____ Implication
- B. The _____ Implication

II. The Meaning of Connecting with God’s Family

- A. Because we have a _____,
we have entered _____.
- B. Because we are _____,
we have entered _____.
- C. Because we are _____,
we have entered _____.
- D. Because we are _____,
we have entered _____.



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
- **Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm** SSNOW
- **Thursdays @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**: Women's Bible Study "Breathe"
- **October is Clergy Appreciation Month**: Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month is one specific day to nationally pay tribute to our clergy. Also referred to as Clergy Appreciation Day, this day of showing national gratitude for clergy members is celebrated on the second Sunday in October or anytime during October.
- **October 11 Following Worship**: Potluck celebrating Clergy Appreciation Day. Bring a dish to share. Drink and table service will be provided.
- **October 31, 2026**: The Maxwell City Council has declared October 31 as Begger's Night.
- **November 2, 2026, Monday, @ 6:00 pm**: Charge Conference at the Maxwell Church with the Ogdon Methodist Church.
- Unable to attend in-person service, join us at 10:00 am:
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