

October 18, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



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Maxwell Methodist Church
October 19, 2026 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
Pianist: Deb Mitchell

*Please stand if able

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Singing as We Gather

*“Great is the Lord” to either a video or TFWS #2022

Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: The Bible is God’s inspired word through which he teaches us how to live.

People: **It is from stories in the Bible that we first learned of God’s love and our salvation.**

Leader: Those stories are precious, because they tell us what God is like, and what we can become.

People: **We accept the Holy Scriptures as our instructions for living the life God has given to us.**

All: **So let us worship God.**

***Our Morning Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, who inspired godly men of old to record your instructions for our living. Give us willing minds to study your word, and obedient hearts to follow, that we may not yield to the temptation of following our own desires. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are Led in Worship

Praise Team

Kids Korner

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

Judges 14:6: “The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done.

Judges 16:20: “Then she called, ‘Samson, the Philistines are upon you!’

He awoke from his sleep and thought, “I’ll go out as before and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the Lord had left him.”

We Worship in Song

Congregational Song. . “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” . . . Hymnal #558

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: “The Secret of Spiritual Strength” Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

*Closing Song “Cry of My Heart” TFWS # 2165

Closing Prayer

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
- **Wednesdays @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm** SSNOW
- **Thursdays @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**: Beginning October 22 new study on Esther.
- **October 31, 2026 @ 5:30 to 7:30 pm Light the Night**: A light meal will be served, have some games set up for the kids, as well as decorated trunks. Please consider donating/volunteering for this event. A sign-up sheet is located in the Westly Cafe. Volunteers are needed for meal donation, meal prepping and serving, games, set up and clean up. Set up will be on October 31st at a to be determined time. Boxes are at each entrance for candy donations! This is a great event for our community and a great way for us to witness to others. Thank You! Questions may be directed to Mary Fullerton, [515-708-2880](tel:515-708-2880).
- **November 2, 2026, Monday, @ 6:00 pm**: Charge Conference at the Maxwell Church with the Ogdon Methodist Church.
- **November 8 Following Worship: Clean Water Chili Cook Off**. Please sign up in the Fellowship Room to make chili or bring a side. We will vote for the chili with our dollars. Most money raised wins first prize.
- **PayPal Update**: PayPal has been activated with the Maxwell Methodist Church listed as a non-profit organization. If you have a PayPal account, you can now log into your own PayPal account and send a donation to Maxwell Methodist Church. There is a 3% PayPal charge. Full disclosure, you will be credited for the full amount you send. For example, if you donate \$100 you will be credited for \$100 with the church getting \$97, and PayPal gets \$3.00 (transaction fee).
- Unable to attend in-person service, join us at 10:00 am:
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