November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost



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November 8, 2026 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon;
Pianist: Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude. . . . . .Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We are pulled in many directions.
People: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.
Leader: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.
People: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.
Leader: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.
All: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen

***Congregational Hymn. .“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”. ..Hymnal #22**

***Our Morning Prayer**

Heavenly Father, whose nature and will is perfect truth; and who imparts that truth to us through the Holy Spirit: Inspire us with pure intentions and desires, that we may give an honest witness to the life which You desire all people to live. In our Savior’s name we pray. Amen.

We are Led in Worship
Praise Team

Prayer Chorus. . . . . .“Jesus, Name Above all Names”. . . . . .Black Book #2071

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: 2 Timothy 2:15
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Joshua 24:1-3A, 14-25

[1]Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. [3]But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants

[14]"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. [15]But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then ***choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve***, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. ***But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.***"

[16]Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! [17]It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. [18]And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

[19] Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. [20]If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you."

[21]But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the Lord."

[22]Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord."

"Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.

[23]"Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel."

[24]And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him."

[25]On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: . . . . . "Choose This Day". . . . . Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

*Closing Song . . . . . ."Let It Be Said of Us". . . . . Hymnal #391

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.
- **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.
- **November 8 @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm**: Youth Group @ the church.
- **November 13, 9:00 am to Noon**: Five members of Maxwell Methodist are going to Camp Dodge on Friday November 13 from 9:00 am to noon to package boxes for the troops. There are more openings on that day and time if you wish to join us. You can also sign up for other days and times. Signup at: https://www.bluestarmothersofiowa.com/
- **November 17, 2026, Tuesday @ 9 am:** Volunteer Sewing Group
- **December 13 @ 10:00 am:** SSNOW Christmas Program
- **December 24 @ 6:00 pm**: Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service
- There are tomato cages at the edge of the garden if anyone wants some for their own use. The community garden has been downsized, and we no longer need as many as in the past.

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