November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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

Prelude. . . . . .Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
People: We confess our sins to the Lord and rejoice in His mercy.
Leader: Jesus was led into the wilderness and overcame every temptation.
People: We come to follow Him and live by His Word.
Leader: Come, let us worship the one who offers grace to all.
All: We lift our hearts to the Lord, our Savior and King! Amen.

***Congregational Hymn. .“We Will Glorify the King of Kings”. ..Black Bk. #2087**

***Our Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have fallen deep into sin. We have turned away from Your Word and followed the desires of our hearts. Forgive us, Lord, and lead us in paths of righteousness. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are Led in Worship

Praise Team
Praise Offerings

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

We Worship in 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**

Congregational Hymn. . . . . ”His Way with Thee”. . . . . .Hymnal #522

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Scripture: 4:1-11

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted
by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell
these stones to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the
highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said,
“throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you
up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your
God to the test.’”

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him
all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give
you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship
the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: . . . . . “A Journey in the Wilderness”. . . .Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship in Song

*Closing Song . . . . . ”Yield Not to Temptation”. . . . . Hymnal #324

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 17, 2026, Tuesday @ 9 am:** Volunteer Sewing Group
- **November 21, 2026, @ 8:30 am**: Men's Breakfast
- **December 6, 2026, @ 5:15-7:00 pm**: Youth Group at the church
- **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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Here's new login link and QR Code after making a few changes
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