



# NEAR *at* HAND

## WELCOME

- Morning Announcements
- Passing of the Peace
- Scripture — "...that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us." Acts 17.27
- Prelude ~ *Earth and All Stars* arr. David N. Johnson  
Westminster Bell Choir  
Sandy Gaunce, guest director

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!  
**Let the sound of praise ring out.**  
 Come and hear what the Lord has done,  
**the Lord who has made everything!**

+ **HYMN 624** ~ *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Verses 1, 4, and 5

## + CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

- Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we fill our lives with idols with the hope they might bring us happiness and out of fear that we have not covered all our bases. Grant us courage to stand firm on the tenets of your kingdom - to seek peace and pursue it, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to uphold the cause of the voiceless, to worship no other god before you. Hear now our silent prayers...**

- Confessional Response



- Assurance of Forgiveness
- Response of Thanksgiving ~ (Hymn 581)  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT ~ RECOGNIZING OUR TEACHERS

## PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and our advocate: open our hearts and minds this day, spark within us a word of life - a message that we might share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 17:22-31

This is the written testimony to the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** - *Ubi Caritas – Ola Gjield*  
Chancel Choir

### LATIN TEXT

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

### ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one.

**SERMON** ~ *Near at Hand* - Rev. Matt Falco

+ **HYMN 366** ~ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Sharing Concerns
- Prayers and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## STEWARDSHIP

- Call to Stewardship

Stewardship time allows us to share our gifts in communion with others in the congregation. By adding even the least coin in your pocket or purse, you show your constant involvement in a life of giving in Jesus' name. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication.

- Offertory — *Pastorale in F* -- J. S. Bach  
Mary Anna Stepp, organist

+ Offertory Response (Hymn 607) — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ **HYMN 318** ~ *In Christ There Is No East or West*

## + BENEDICTION

+ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** ~ Hymn 698 *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;**  
**set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

+ **POSTLUDE** ~ *Toccata in C Minor* -- Johann Walther

# Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Maxwell Street, a church known for its diversity, inclusion and mission. This is Christ's Church. It's not open to a few, but the invitation is wide-open. Bring your burdens as well as your hopes. Bring your disappointments as well as your joys. There is a kind of space here into which all are invited to be themselves and to feel at home. Participate to the degree you feel comfortable. Here is some information to help make you feel at home.

- LARGE PRINT BIBLES are available from the ushers.
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- Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.
- An elevator is located in the Education Building for your convenience.
- **Children are always welcome in worship.**
  - The Nursery is always open in the Young Children's Area. Take the elevator to the Basement Level, and you will see it clearly marked ahead, through a door on your right.
  - Children 3 years—Kindergarten may go to Godly Play on the Second Floor of the Education Building, following the Children's Time in Worship.
  - Children grades 1-2 may go to Sunday School on the Second Floor of the Education Building, following the Children's Time.
  - Children grades 3-5 will find a folder of worship materials on the front steps, following Children's Time, to help keep focus during worship.
- Baby changing tables and accessible restrooms are available in the basement.
- Follow us on Twitter @maxpreschurch or tag #maxpres if you want to share a thought from today's service

## WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Leaders

Matt Falco, Matt McMahan, Mary Anna Stepp, Zach Marshall, Sandy Gaunce, Westminster Bell Choir, Chancel Choir.

### Reader

Matt McMahan

### Acolyte

Lucas Falco

### Ushers

The ushers are Tim Costich, Tom Dixon, Jack & Betsy Morgan, Brad, Hydee, Mason & Harris Hawkins.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Kate Copley with thanksgiving for family, birthdays and celebrations.

Please join us for a lunch to give thanks for our teachers after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

## CARES AND CONCERNS

Kay Garner, Jim Niemi, Doug Ensminger, Darrell Maines' brother

## SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN

Jake Abernathie (will be stationed at Newport News, VA) grandson of Dorothy & Loren Tice.

Trevor Anderson-Cooper (AOAN Weapons Department G-3, USS George HW Bush CVN77 FPO AE 09513-2803) son of Debra Anderson & Bill Cooper.

Donald Harper (Yerivan, Armenia) son of Greg & Jean Harper.

Tyler Buckley, son of Leigh Buckley.

Nathan Stepp (Norfolk) grandson of Mary Anna & Fayette Stepp.

*for all the families and loved ones of our service women and men; for all peace-keepers and peacemakers in families, communities and the world.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

**VISITORS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT MSPC** are invited to meet with a pastor or member of the Welcome Team in the Johnston Parlor after the service.

**FAIR TRADE** coffee, tea, chocolate bars and olive oil following morning worship.

**YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT** - It's our final meeting, and we will be heading to Robby's farm for cookout at 5:00pm. Matt will be driving the church bus for those who would like to carpool. The address is 1233 Corman Ln., Nicholasville. We'll eat and play until 7:30pm.

**THE NADIA BOOK GROUP** is reading *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott. They meet this evening in Marshall Parlor, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome! Copies of *Traveling Mercies* are available in the main office at church.

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

10:00 Pastor's Coffee Hour – Stop by and chat with Matt about anything you would like at Coffea (385 Rose St). Every Monday morning from 10 to 11:30am.

### TUESDAY

7:00pm Centering Prayer

### WEDNESDAY

10:30am MORNING KERYGMA will meet for their final session of the Spring at Joe and Sandy Kyle's for a brunch and devotional by Woody. Please bring brunch items to share. We will gather at 10:30am and eat as soon as everyone arrives. Their home is at 1265 Higbee Mill Road (223-9020).

### THURSDAY

6:00pm Neighborhood Meal  
7:00pm Needles & Angels

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 ~ JUNE 12 - 15 (9AM-12PM)

Abundance Orchard - where faith grows and hungry people are fed. This week will include learning, playing, eating, making new friends, and doing mission. All children 3 years through 5th grade are invited. Extended Care (noon till 5:00pm) is available for \$20/day. Reservations are required in advance for Extended Care. **Register online (maxpres.org) or call the church office (255-1074).**

### A CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND TEACHERS

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating the good and loving and care provided by our church -- for the past 45 years -- through the Maxwell Street Nursery School (formerly Mothers' Morning Out) Program. We will have a reception following worship, where we will thank our outgoing teachers -- Karen Van Sanford and Kay Roberts. Pam Boldt will also be retiring from her work at Maxwell Street. Pam began working part-time in the Early Child Care Center in 1986 and has since taken on the role of building facilitator, cook, wedding coordinator, receptionist, and it seems, every other job that needed doing. That's 31 years of service to Maxwell Street! Come to the celebration and find out the next big thing Pam is going to do following her retirement!

### THE SESSION HAS CALLED THE CONGREGATION TO MEET

next Sunday, immediately following worship in the Sanctuary to confirm the retirement of Woody Berry, effective July 1, 2017, and to designate him as Pastor Emeritus.

**MAY RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS!!!** The Mission Committee will be collecting tooth brushes and tooth paste in May for our neighborhood friends.

### BURNAMWOOD SUMMER CAMP!

You can register and find out about all of Burnamwood's Summer Camp Programs by visiting: [www.burnamwood.net](http://www.burnamwood.net)

#### Counselor-in-Training Retreat

June 7 (Wednesday) 5 p.m. – June 10 (Saturday) 11 a.m.

#### Senior High Adventure Camp

June 12 (Monday) 9 a.m. – June 16 (Friday) 5 p.m.

#### 3rd – 5th Grade Conference

June 13 (Tuesday) 10 a.m. – June 17 (Saturday) 11 a.m.

#### Senior High Conference

June 19 (Monday) 10 a.m. – June 24 (Saturday) 11 a.m.

#### Middle School Conference

June 26 (Monday) 10 a.m. – July 1 (Saturday) 11 a.m.

#### 1st-2nd Grade Mini-Camp

July 6 (Thursday) 10 a.m. – July 8 (Saturday) 11 a.m.

#### Middle School Adventure Camp

July 6 (Thursday) 10 a.m. – July 8 (Saturday) 11 a.m.

#### Night Owl Camp, Grades 8-12

July 10 (Monday) 10 a.m. – July 15 (Saturday) 11 a.m.

#### MADD Camp

July 25 (Tuesday) 10 a.m. – July 29 (Saturday) 12 p.m. (performance at 11 a.m.)

**THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK** can be found at the end of each pew. Please fill in your name, address, and phone. On the space at the end of the line, please be sure to sign up for any of the following, using more than one line if needed.

A. Celebration of Children Families and Teachers - May 28

## MISSION

### REMEMBERING OUR SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN WITH CARE

**PACKAGES.** Each Sunday in worship we remember our service women and men with prayer... but in May, we want to collect items for care boxes to send them. We don't want to miss anyone... so if you have a loved one or friend you would like to include with a care package from church, let us know. Just give us the name and address and we'll do the caring. Here are some ideas of items:

- individually wrapped candy (no chocolate, please)
- single serving drink mixes
- hot cocoa mix
- cookies
- crackers
- popcorn
- beef jerky
- hard candy
- canned meat
- slim jims
- trail mix
- chex mix
- twizzlers
- gum
- lifesavers
- socks
- baby wipes
- eye drops
- deodorant
- personal notes and cards
- puzzle books
- new magazines
- playing cards
- small Bibles

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our work at Mission Lexington has been strong this year. Here are the total of patients served January through March 2017:

Free Medical Clinic – 268

Free Dental Clinic – 398

Faith Pharmacy -298

Those are numbers; here's a story: "One of our recent, younger patients had a very bad case of periodontal disease, which caused him to lose most of his teeth and have a difficult time finding a job. After treatment here, he was able to get a job and now he can't stop smiling. When you see someone so happy, it makes your heart melt. It was just a few months of treatment, and made such a huge impact in this person's life." – Ruta Valinskaite, Dental Clinic Manager