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WELCOME

- Announcements
- Passing of the Peace
- Scripture - *As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'*
- Prelude ~ *Adagio* from organ Sonata No. 3 - Alexander Guilmant

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, listen:

the Lord has done marvelous things.

Teach your children all that God has done.

So that they may live in hope and be at peace.

Rejoice and be glad!

For God is great.

+HYMN 39 ~ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

+CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and with the whole of your creation. Hear now our silent prayers...

- Silent Prayer
 - Kyrie Eleison
- Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

- 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

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Send your Spirit to move in our world and stir the waters of our souls that we may desire a word of instruction that awakens us to your joy. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

ANTHEM ~ *Lord, Speak to Me* - arranged by Jeffrey Rickard

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ~ Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

SERMON ~ *O Lord - How Long?* - by Rev. Matt Falco

+HYMN 362 ~ *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

EVERYONE COUNTS - Every Gift Counts by Dan Goulson

STEWARDSHIP

- Call to Stewardship

Stewardship is a time to consider all our gifts. Think of how Jesus teaches us to spend the time, talents, and money with which we've been blessed. Think of how we each can use them to bring God's love to our neighborhood and to our world. 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 — Emma Scott, soprano
- + 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 69 ~ *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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+BENEDICTION



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+BENEDICTION RESPONSE ~ Hymn 541 - *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again

+ POSTLUDE ~ *Marche de Fête* - Henri Büsser

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.
- **Visitors interested in learning more** are invited to meet with a pastor or member of the Welcome Team in the Johnston Parlor after the service. We are glad you are here today.
- **Children are welcome in worship.** All children are encouraged to be in worship with their families so they may share in hymns, scripture, prayers, and other parts of worship. There is a booklet available in the narthex, in classrooms, and the lobby with details about our Children's classes and upcoming events. Below is a list of classes for children.

Infant to pre-K are welcome in the Nursery following Children's Moment or anytime during the morning. Come to the Young Children's Area in the basement. Professional caregivers and church volunteers will greet you there.

Three & Four Year Olds —Godly Play, following Children's Moment. The classroom is in the Young Children's Area in the basement. Teachers will greet you.

Deep Blue Class (see individual classes below) These classes are designed to give our kids an overview of the Bible in an engaging way. The classrooms are on the 2nd floor at the end of the hallway. Teachers will welcome them.

K-1st Grade — across from the choir room (2nd floor)

2nd - 3rd Grade — last room down the hall (2nd floor)

4th - 5th Grade — Youth room (2nd floor)

- 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, Katherine Norwood, Kaitlin DeSpain, Ted Gentry, Emma Scott, and Chancel Choir.

Reader

Esme Thomas

Acolyte

James Weitkamp

Ushers

The ushers are Ralph and Cindy Bollinger, Tim Costich, Tom Dixon, Sharron Townsend and Larry Bender, and Lon and Angela Keith.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tim & Julia Costich in Thanksgiving for Ridgely.

Punch is served in the West Parlor by Mark Summers and Susan Liddle. All are invited.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Happy Veterans Day to all of those who have served our country. We honor you today.

Sue Senft, Mildred McKeown, Joyce Rose's mom

Mary Waxham on the death of her brother Henry.

Congratulations to Kennedy Berry and Justin Martin on their marriage this week!

SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN

Jake Abernathie (is 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

GRACE NOTES meets in the Choir Room.

YOUTH meet in Fellowship Hall for good food and an awesome discussion led by David about how every Youth counts! Youth Lock-In is November 17 from 7pm-8am Saturday morning. Mark your calendars for fun and fellowship.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO QUALIFY FOR THE DRAWING OF ONE OF MATT'S CAKES. In an effort to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association, Dr. Matt McMahan is donating a deliciously decorated cake for the holidays. He will draw a winner this afternoon and will notify you if you win. To participate, see Matt in the punch parlor after the service. Make checks payable to the Alzheimer's Association.

ADVENT WORKSHOP PLANNING MEETING is today after worship in Fellowship Hall. If you love making crafts and helping kids make crafts, we would love for you to help with the Advent Workshop (Dec 3) this year.

DEDICATION SUNDAY IS TODAY. Please bring your pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets forward to the basket provided during the last hymn. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gifts to the church. We appreciate every one!

EVERYONE COUNTS T-SHIRTS AND STICKERS are available to purchase in the lobby. Shirts are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, stickers are \$1. Free Everyone Counts temporary tattoos are available for everyone!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

10:30am Pastor's Coffee at Coffea
5:30pm Trustees
7:00pm Session

TUESDAY

8:30am Sweet Blessings
9:00am Staff Meeting
6:15pm Room in the Inn
7:00pm Centering Prayer
8:00pm UKirk (Blevins House)

WEDNESDAY

8:30am Church Breakfast: Michelle Jones will be our speaker. Please come early this week, before 8:30am, on Wednesday, November 15 to the Scout Room to hear Michelle and see how contagious her enthusiasm is. \$1 gets you a doughnut and a cup of coffee plus wonderful fellowship.

10:30am Morning Kerygma
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
5:45pm Cherub Choir
6:30pm Evening Kerygma
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Westminster Bells

THURSDAY

9:10am Canterbury Bells
6:00pm Thursday Night Meal
6:00pm E7 fundraiser - BD's Mongolian BBQ (ends at 9)

FRIDAY

7:00pm Youth Lock-in

SATURDAY

8:00am Pick-up from Youth Lock-in
9:00am Mahan Woodshop

THANKSGIVING LUNCH & ANNUAL MEETING is next Sunday, November 19 after worship. As we break bread together and give thanks for gifts and our wonderful congregation, we will meet and elect officers and a Nominating Committee for 2017. We will also elect the search committee to find our next Associate Pastor. The Endowment Committee will give us a report and present grants for the coming year. Pam & Kate will prepare the basics for our meal; and you are invited to bring your favorite side, salad or dessert to share. We'll also accept donations to cover the cost of the dishes prepared at church. Let us give thanks together.

LONG JOHN SUNDAY is next Sunday, November 19. Our neighborhood friends really appreciate these annual gifts from our church. Pick up a pair of long Johns (preferably L or XL) and bring them to worship on Sunday, November 19.

WARM TREE will be up by next Sunday, November 17. Please decorate the tree with gloves, hats, and scarves for those in need.

E7 KIDS' CAFÉ THANKSGIVING DINNER is Tuesday, November 21 from 4-6pm. Gallons of sweet iced tea, unsweetened tea, and lemonade would be appreciated, and other items needed include: plates, utensils, napkins, cups to feed up to 70 at least, plastic forks, spoons, knives, napkins or paper towels; large black trash bags; medium and big disposable aluminum trays; foil; saran wrap.

N.A.D.Y.A BOOK GROUP'S next book is Lauren Winner's *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline*. For our next meeting, November 19, read chapters "Sabbath," "fitting food," and "mourning." On December 3, read chapters "hospitality," "prayer," "body," and "fasting."

HANGING OF THE GREENS Sunday, Nov 26 after worship. Come help decorate the church as we enter the Advent season. All are welcome!

WORDS AND WINE: The women's book club is reading *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Toni Carter's house. On the horizon: For Jan. 5, we'll read *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. To join our email list, contact Kathy at ktcseledy@icloud.com.

ADVENTURE GROUP: Our Senior Group will be going to "The Games Afoot – or Holmes for the Holidays" on Sunday, December 3 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$21.50 with group rates if we have 10 or more. Please RSVP ASAP as tickets are in high demand and in short supply. Call Mary Waxham (523-7999) to make a reservation

THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK can be found at the end of each pew. Please take the time to 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. Church Breakfast B. Thanksgiving Lunch & Annual Meeting
C. Adventure Outing D. NADYA Group E. Hanging of the Greens

MISSION We are collecting items for the Thursday Night Meal Christmas gift bags (gloves, socks, lip balm, small toiletries, and individually wrapped snacks.)

SOCIAL JUSTICE Hundreds of people from 26 congregations gathered Monday to discuss the biggest issues facing Lexington. The forum was organized by BUILD, Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct-Action, a coalition of people of faith. Members heard speakers discuss a variety of issues facing the community including health care, education/youth, and drugs. Each congregation got together and cast votes on the top issue for 2018. Drugs won with 352 votes, followed by education/youth at 152, and 16 for health care. BUILD members will now research drugs and make a plan to take action. Leaders pledged to have more than 2,000 people at BUILD's annual Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 8 at Heritage Hall. That is when they will officially begin to focus on the issue of drugs for 2018.