



WELCOME

- Prelude ~ *Voluntary on Morning Has Broken*--Gaelic Melody
- Announcements
- Minute for Social Justice - Jim Nelson
- Introit: Hymn 399 ~ *God Welcomes All* (sing three times)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and never ends.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord's voice is over the waters;

the glorious God thunders; the Lord is over the mighty waters.

The Lord's voice is strong; the Lord's voice is majestic.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

+HYMN 664 ~ *Morning Has Broken*

+CONFESSION

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You made us in your own image, but we tarnish your good name. You call us your beloved children, but we take your favor for granted. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us so that we may live in a way that is pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent prayers...

- *Holy Lamb of God* ~ Hymn 602
**Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have Mercy on us. (2x)
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us your peace; grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**
- 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.**
- Passing of the Peace

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Come Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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 ~ *Rejoice Greatly* from *Messiah*--G. F. Handel
Kaitlin DeSpain

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ~ Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON ~ *The Good Light* - by Rev. Matt Faco

+HYMN 488 ~ *I Was There To Hear Your Hear Your Borning Cry*

COMMUNION

- Invitation to the Table
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
It is truly right and our greatest joy...
...**The Lord's Prayer**

- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People

You are invited to come forward. Take a piece of bread from the loaf and dip it in the cup and consume both together. If you would prefer to remain seated, the bread and cup will be offered to you there.

- Prayer after Communion
**We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place.
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+HYMN 292 ~ *As the Wind Song*

**This is a new hymn for our congregation. A soloist will sing the first verse one time through so we can learn the melody, and then the congregation will be invited to stand and sing verses 1 and 2.*

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE ~ Hymn 744 ~ *Arise Your Light Is Come*

**Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.**

+ POSTLUDE ~ *Toccata in C*--Gordon Young

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.
- + Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or in spirit.

WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders

Matt Falco, Kaitlin DeSpain, and Ted Gentry.

Acolyte

JP Smith

Ushers

The ushers are Tim Costich, Tom Dixon, Joe & Sandy Kyle, Billy & Carol Porter and Ralph & Cindy Bollinger.

Punch is served in the West Parlor. All are invited.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by MSPC staff in honor of all of our volunteers. Thank you for all you do!

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Bob Hubbard, Tammy Lane, Sara Sexton, Matt McMahan, Becky Kemper's mom

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.

JAZZ VESPERS SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY - Martin Luther King Jr., in his letter from a Birmingham Jail, wrote about being creative extremists for love. That's what we're going to try to do on Sunday, January 14th. You're invited to our 10:30am MLK Jr. Jazz Vespers service. Come hear some a Dr. King's inspiring words as well as those of some of our contemporaries. We are especially grateful to have Colmon Eldridge, former Chief of Staff to Gov. Steve Beshear, as well as David Hummel and The Honey Creek Stompers Dixieland Trio to help lead us in worship this Sunday. I hope you'll join us.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

GRACE NOTES meets in the Choir Room after worship.

APNC meets in the Field Room after worship.

N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK CLUB meets from 6-7:30 at Jason & Andrea's house. Snacks & drinks provided. We're covering volume 1 of March.

DECORATIONS ~ If you would like to help take down decorations after the service, please stick around.

FAIR TRADE coffees, teas, chocolate bars and olive oil will be available following morning worship.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

5:30pm Trustees

TUESDAY

8:30am Sweet Blessings
9:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Centering Prayer

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Kerygma
5:45pm Children's Choir
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
6:30pm Kerygma
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Westminster Bells

THURSDAY

9:00am Canterbury Bells
6:00pm Community Meal
7:00pm Needles & Angels

SATURDAY

9:00am Mahan Woodshop

YOUTH NEWS

January 7 12:00-1:30 Youth group kicks off 2018 with lunch and fun in Fellowship Hall.

January 14	MLK Interfaith Service	6:00-7:30pm
January 15	Community March	10:00am
January 21	Youth Group Discussion	12:00-1:30pm
January 28	Youth Group Classic Game	12:00-1:30pm

PERFECT NORTH SLOPES ARE CALLING OUR NAME!

Saturday, February 17th MSPC youth are going skiing at Perfect North! We will leave the church at 8am, travel to Perfect North (outside of Cincinnati), ski and snow tube all day, and return around 8pm. The cost of the trip is \$50, plus money for lunch and dinner. Scholarships are available. Forms and payment are due Feb 4.

PARKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ The youth group is also seeking people to collect money in the MSPC parking lot for UK women's basketball games. The money collected goes toward youth mission trips. Contact Katherine (katherine@maxpres.org) if you are able. Dates we need of volunteers are:

Monday Jan. 15 @ 6pm
Sunday Jan. 21 @ 12pm
Thursday Feb. 15 @ 7pm

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A MEAL? ~ The youth group is seeking people to provide lunch for our meetings in the spring. Contact Katherine (katherine@maxpres.org) if you would be able to help with this!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meets Sunday, January 14 after worship. All are invited to join this committee.

THE SESSION RETREAT is Saturday, January 20 from 9:00am-1:00pm. All new and returning elders meet with Matt.

THE DEACONS RETREAT is Saturday, January 27 from 9:00am-1:00pm. All new and returning deacons meet with Matt.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OR ORDINATION of officers is January 21 during the 10:30 service.

CHURCH BREAKFAST ~ Please join us in the Scout room at 8:30am on Wednesday, January 17. Ray Reynolds will be our speaker. We will enjoy coffee and donuts together! See you there.

SAVE THE DATE ~ GeNext (4th and 5th grades) will go bowling on Sunday, January 21 after church. Bring a friend! Please contact Michelle Jones for more information.

THEOLOGY ON TAP ~ Our regular gathering over a cold brew will continue on January 22 at 7:00 at Mirror Twin Brewing. Join us for good conversation about what God is up to in our community and lives.

THE GOOD EARTH CONCERT SERIES featuring Lee Patrick, alto saxophone, and Loren Tice, piano, at the following retirement homes:
Th., Jan. 4, 2 pm @ Taylor Manor, Versailles
T., Jan. 9, 1:30 pm @ Morning Pointe East, Lexington
Th., Jan. 11, 2:30 pm @ Lexington Country Place, Lexington
Th., Jan. 18, 2:30 pm @ Liberty Ridge, Lexington
F., Jan. 19, 2:30 pm @ Telford Terrace, Richmond

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION-AGE STUDENTS, IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CONFIRMATION TO BEGIN!

Confirmation is a special time of learning about our faith and the church. We'll take trips to other churches, do mission projects, and have lots of fun together learning about the Bible, worship, and why we think Maxwell Street is so great! By the end of the class, students will come up with their own statement of faith and get to claim for themselves that Maxwell Street is their church too! Confirmation is for 8th graders and older students who haven't yet taken the class. Here is what you need to know for now:

1. There will be an informational meeting for parents and Confirmation students on January 21 at 9:15 in the Blevins House. Breakfast will be served!
2. We'll meet almost every Sunday during the Sunday School Time (9:15-10:00). A complete schedule will be available during the Informational Meeting.
3. Confirmation Sunday will be May 20th.

Call me (255-1074) or email me matt@maxpres.org if you have any questions... otherwise, we'll see you on the 22nd!

THE ADVENTURERS GROUP (seniors) will be heading to Cincinnati on Thursday, January 25. We'll eat lunch in the city then head to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. We'll be back in Lexington by 5:30pm. Tickets for the museum are \$13 for seniors over 60. RSVP to the office if you would like to attend. We'll be taking the church van.

THE 2018 PUNCH CALENDAR AND FLOWER CALENDAR ARE UP IN THE LOBBY HALLWAY. Please take a moment and sign up to either sponsor sanctuary flowers for a service or serve punch. The flower order is super easy. We have a standing order with Michler's. All you have to do is write a check for \$40 for sanctuary flowers. If you would like to serve punch and don't have a recipe, do not fret, Kate has a few recipes she'd be happy to share. Questions: kate@maxpres.org or 255-1074.

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. Parking Volunteers (see list above for specific dates)
- B. Adventurers Group -- January 25
- C. Theology on Tap -- January 22
- D. Church Breakfast -- January 17