



Gifts of Women Sunday

***So God created humankind in her image, in the image of God she created them;
male and female she created them." - Genesis 1:27***

WELCOME

- Greeting
- Announcements
- Presbyterian Women Presentation of Honorary Life Membership - Linda Ensminger
- Prelude ~ Gavotte—J. Rameau
Lauren Falco, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens proclaim God's glory,
And the skies display the handiwork of our Creator.

**Day after day and night after night
Creation sings praises to God!**

God created humankind,
Male and female, God created them in Her image.

**Let us worship the God who formed us,
knows us, and loves us!**

+HYMN 37 ~ *Let All Things Now Living*

+CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that though you call us to life in Eden, we choose to go our own way. You have created us to be one, but we create barriers that divide instead of unite. We let our assumptions and interpretations lead us away from what you have taught us to do. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us in the path of your righteousness so that we might be creatures of love and unity, caring for your creation. Hear now our silent prayers to you.

- *Have Mercy* ~ Hymn 551
**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord have mercy upon us.**
- 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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to hear the word that you are speaking to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 150

Praise be to God! Praise God in her sanctuary; praise her in her mighty firmament! Praise her for her mighty deeds; praise her according to her surpassing greatness! Praise her with trumpet sound; praise her with lute and harp! Praise her with tambourine and dance; praise her with strings and pipe! Praise her with clanging cymbals; praise her with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Living God! Praise God!

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

STEWARDSHIP

- Call to Stewardship

Please tear out the sheet in the Friendship Pad and place it in the offering plate.

- Offertory ~ *Bow Down Low*, trad. Shaker hymn arr. Kaitlin DeSpain

Bow down low and bend your head
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For I've come to sweep this house clean
Yes, I've come to wash and clean
From this floor the stain of sin.
For lo, I've come again
And I've not come in vain
Sweep high, sweep low
Sweep clear as you go.
Bow down low and bend your head
For to sweep the Lord's house clean.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ~ Genesis 2:18-24, 3:20

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.
The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

SERMON ~ *Mother of all Living* - by Katherine Norwood

+HYMN 760 ~ *Bring Many Names* (v 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)

SACRAMENT OF 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

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love, peace, and joy. Fill our hearts and our minds with your goodness as we seek to serve you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

+HYMN 769 ~ *For Everyone Born* (v 1-3)

+BENEDICTION

+LENTEN BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 211 (verse 1) ~ *Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice*

**Hear, O Lord, my plea for justice
listen to my heartfelt prayer.
In your just deliberation
may I find redemption there.**

+ POSTLUDE ~ *Grand Chorus in F* - César Franck

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)

- Accessible restrooms are on the main level and basement level. Baby changing stations are available in the basement restrooms or nursery.
- 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

Katherine Norwood, Presbyterian Women, Matt Falco, Kaitlin DeSpain, Ted Gentry, and Chancel Choir.

Reader

Samantha Moore

Acolyte

Lucy Wilkerson

Ushers

The ushers are Kay and Claire Roberts, Alicia and Lauren Hart, Sarah, Elizabeth & Lucy Wilkerson, Marianne Mosley and Frankie White.

The greeters and communion servers are Betsy Morgan, Caroline Thomas, Mary Waxham, Charing Taylor, Linda Ensminger and Cindi Kuper.

Punch is served in the West Parlor by Cindi Kuper. All are invited.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Alice, Max & Sam Koyagi in memory of their grandma Ursula Ward; a second arrangement is given by Karen Hubbard in memory of her husband, Bob, who would have been 79 on the 9th.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Fayette Stepp, Ellen Allen, Sonia Gardner & baby Liam, Sunny Hensler (Allison's student), Kathy Penman, Ruth Scott, Brittany Mallory, Tammy Lane, Lauren Falco's grandmother.

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.

Katherine Norwood is in her final semester at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and is MPSC's Director of Youth Ministry.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

FAIR TRADE sales will be held on March 11 and March 25. Products can be purchased during the week by speaking to office staff.

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT ~ This Sunday, March 3rd, we will be writing letters and creating care packages for children and youth at Buckhorn. These kids hardly receive any mail, so we will be sending them cards to brighten their days! We are also working to create a garden tool kit for the cottage in order to help them maintain their vegetables. Come and help give back to our community right here in Kentucky! **We will also be discussing how the youth will be involved in worship on March 18th. If you'd like to be involved, make sure you come to youth group!**

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

10:30am Pastor's Coffee

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Kerygma
5:45pm Children's Choirs
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
6:30pm Kerygma
6:00pm Choir
7:30pm Westminster Bells

THURSDAY

9:00AM Canterbury Bells
6:00pm Neighborhood Meal
7:00pm Needles & Angels

ST. PATRICKS DAY SCAVENGER HUNT ~ MARCH 11

Calling all children! After worship join us for a Saint Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt. Lunch will be served. Also Spring cleaning! Bring your non-perishables (can goods etc) to donate.

EASTER FLOWERS ~ Don't forget to fill out a form for Easter lillies/flowers for our celebration on Easter Sunday.

GENEXT (4th & 5th grade group) meets March 18th after worship.

THEOLOGY ON TAP meets Monday, March 19 at 7pm at HopCat (410 W Short Street). Join us for great conversation and a drink!

THE N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK GROUP meets March 11 (next Sunday evening from 6-7:30) at Jason & Andrea's house to discuss *Breakfast with Buddha: A Novel*. Drinks and snacks are provided.

BURNAMWOOD SPRING RETREAT for middle and high school is April 13-15. Early bird pricing (\$90) ends March 18 (two weeks). After the 18th, the retreat costs is \$100. Sign up early at burnamwood.net

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is Palm Sunday.

UKIRK COLLEGE MINISTRY ~ Attention University Students! Join us for UKirk on Tuesday nights at 8:00pm in the basement of Maxwell Street for good discussion, food, and fun. In addition to visiting with one another, we'll discuss matters of faith and spirituality.

GUITAR SERIES: New Chamber Music with Guitar is Sunday, March 25 at 3pm.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT SUNDAY, MARCH 25 (PALM SUNDAY)

Immediately after worship we will eat brunch and then the children will head out to search for eggs! All are welcome!

MAXWELL STREET LENTEN WEEKLY MISSION OFFERINGS

There are simple products that people need week in and week out, and our Mission Coordinator, Shelli Gregory is able to help with those needs, unless her cupboard runs bare. You can simply place the suggested items in the drop-off containers in the Lobby outside the church office. If you miss a Sunday or get too rushed to pick up any items, you can always place a check in the offering plate and designate it for Lent Offering. **DONATIONS ARE GREATLY NEEDED. WE RAN OUT OF TOILETRIES on Tuesday of this past week.**

March 4: Tooth brushes
March 11: Toilet Paper
March 18: Facial Tissues
March 25: One Great Hour of Sharing

LENTEN PRAYER WALL

On Fat Tuesday, our college group, UKirk, prepared for the Lenten season by eating some heart shaped waffles as well as by helping Matt create the wonderful prayer wall at the front of our sanctuary. Throughout the season of Lent the wall will be a space for you to...

- prompt others to pray. - be prompted to pray for others. - become aware of God's presence and work in the world. - be more aware of God's presence in your life. - lol. - feel grateful. - empty. - experience peace. - be angry. - mourn. - to feel safe. - cry. - to know love.

You are invited to write down whatever prompts you to pray and hang your prompt on the boards:

A word. A scripture passage. An image. A #hashtag.

You are encouraged to look through the prayer prompts that others have left and to sit and pray with the tag in a pew, but please do not remove them from the sanctuary.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~ at First Presbyterian Church, March 26 - 30 at 12:00-12:30pm in the Chapel. "The View from the Margins" First Presbyterian Church is hosting this year's Presbyterian Holy Week services. Sean Gladding will be the preacher for the week. Each day, Sean will reflect the view of a different person in the Holy Week account.

Monday Mark 11.12-19: Someone whose offering has been rejected
Tuesday Luke 21.1-4: A widow
Wednesday Matthew 26.6-13: Simon the leper
Thursday John 13.1-7: The house servant
Friday Luke 23.35-49: One of the crucified bandits

A light lunch will be provided at 12:30 pm following the service with a requested donation of \$6. Parking is free from 12:00-1:00 pm in the FPC parking lot on North Mill Street.

START BY BELIEVING ~ The Social Justice Committee is looking to revitalize a program brought to Maxwell Street by Deborah Anderson-Cooper. The essence of the "Start by Believing" campaign is that when someone tells you they have been assaulted, the best response is to start by believing the person. Too often, the first response to hearing someone was abused is to question what it was the person did to deserve it, such as walking home alone at night or wearing the wrong clothing. No one deserves to be abused. Various states including New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma, police departments, organizations, and churches have made pledges to "Start by Believing" and to make their communities aware that they are advocates for people who have been abused.

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. Email Lenten Devotionals
- B. St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt - March 11
- C. Easter Egg Hunt - March 25