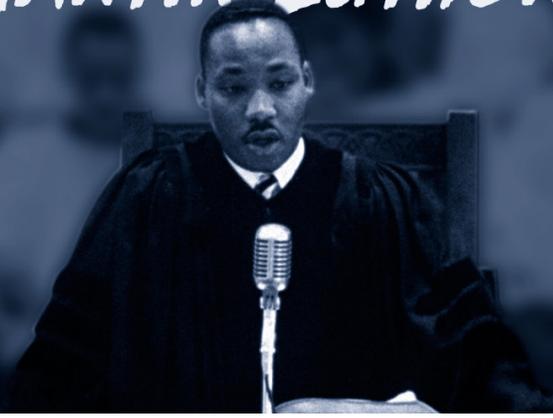




REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



A JAZZ VESPERS SERVICE - The danger of any service of worship that includes novel elements is that it can tend towards idolatry. Of course, we have not gathered to worship Jazz music or the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but to awaken more fully to important lessons that can be gleaned from outside our own tradition that can help us draw closer to God through Christ and our world closer God's kingdom. Readings from today's service can be found online through the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University and its King's Paper's Project. We are especially grateful to have the Rev. Brandon Maxwell and David Hummel and The Honey Creek Stompers Dixieland Trio to help lead us in worship this Sunday.

WELCOME

(please note there is no Sunday school today. The Nursery is available in the basement for ages infant-preK.)

- Greeting
- Announcements
- Prelude ~ *Down By the Riverside*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.
We live sustained by God's presence and love.
Thanks be to God.

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,
God weeps with us.

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,
God gives thanks with us.

As we struggle for justice,
God struggles with us.

As we strive for peace,
God strives with us.

As we offer our gifts to all,
God blesses us.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.
Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

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

+CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequality. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In accordance with the commands of Jesus Christ, our savior, shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done on earth, as in heaven. Hear now our silent prayer to you...

- Hymn 792 - *There Is a Balm in Gilead* (refrain)
**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.**
- Assurance of Forgiveness
- Response of Thanksgiving ~ *We Are Forgiven* ~ Hymn 447
**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God**
- Passing of the Peace

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

There is no Sunday School today. All children are encouraged to be in worship with their families today so they may share in hymns, scripture, prayers, and other parts of worship. Nursery care is available for ages infant - preK.

SPECIAL MUSIC - *Go Down Moses*

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD (Prayer by Martin Luther King Jr., Ebenezer Baptist Church 1953)

O God, our eternal Father, we praise thee for gifts of mind with which thou hast endowed us. We are able to rise out of the half-realities of the sense world to a world of ideal beauty and eternal truth. Teach us, we pray Thee, how to use this great gift of reason and imagination so that it shall not be a curse but a blessing. Grant us visions that shall lift us from worldliness and sin into the light of thine own holy presence. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING - *The Beloved Community*

ANTHEM - *My Lord What A Morning* (arr. by Robert Hobby)

SECOND READING - *Never-Ceasing Striving*

SCRIPTURE READING - Amos 5.18-24

SERMON ~ *Seek God and Live!* - by Rev. Brandon Maxwell

+HYMN 317 ~ *In Christ There Is No East or West*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP

- Call to Stewardship

Please tear out the sheet in the Friendship Pad and place it in the offering plate. 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 ~ *What a Wonderful World*
- 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 339 ~ *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

THIRD READING - *Love is Creative and Redemptive*

+BENEDICTION

+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 741- *Guide My Feet*
(Sung first by choir, then again by congregation)

**Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.**

+ POSTLUDE ~ *When the Saints Go Marching In*

This morning, we welcome the Rev. Brandon Maxwell to Maxwell Street's pulpit. Rev. Maxwell began as Dean of Students at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta in 2016. In April of 2018, he was promoted to be Vice President for Student Affairs and Community Life in addition to continuing in his role as Dean. He holds an MDiv from Emory University's Candler School of Theology, as well as both a BBA in Management and a BA in Religion from Belmont University. In 2012-2013 he was a Lutherischer WeltBund Fellow at Georg-August-Universität in Göttingen, Germany where he studied intercultural theology and education.

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Maxwell Street, a church known for its diversity, inclusion and mission. This is Christ's Church and all are welcome. 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 Ministry

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.

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.

- **WIFI - Router Name: Maxwell - ORBI38**
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- 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

Brandon Maxwell, David Hummel & The HoneyCreek Stompers, Matt Falco, Rachel VanKirk Mathews, Kaitlin DeSpain, Ted Gentry, and the Chancel Choir.

Readers

Josh Pierce and Amanda Hale

Acolyte

Theo Meads

Ushers

The ushers are Ralph & Cindy Bollinger, Tom & Toni Carter, Tim Costich, Tom Dixon, Ron Eads and Billy Porter.

The flowers are given to the glory of God David Smith in memory of his wife, Susan.

Punch is served in the West Parlor by the Confirmation Class. All are invited.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Jeff Smith, Barbara Mabry, Roy Levine, Jim Becker (Alicia Hart's dad), Carolyn Hale's mom, Diane Roy (Kenneth Frost's sister), Allen family, friends of the Weitkamps.

Our condolences are with the Shugars family on the death of Nan.

Our condolences are with John and Cindy Shaw on the death of Cindy's sister.

SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN

Jake Abernathie, grandson of Dorothy & Loren Tice USS Harry S. Truman.

Trevor Anderson-Cooper (AOAN Weapons Department G-3), son of Debra Anderson & Bill Cooper.

Tyler Buckley, son of Leigh Buckley.

Clayton Tyler - SOI (school of infantry) Camp Geiger in NC, brother of Jessica Tyler.

Nathan Stepp (Everett, WA) grandson of Mary Anna & Fayette Stepp.

And 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

YOUTH will eat lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship; pick up is at 12:30. We will meet back at the church at 5:30 to carpool to Central Christian Church for the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Worship Service; pick up is at 8:15 at Maxwell Street.

GENEXT (4TH & 5TH GRADERS) are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall today after the service for lunch and a fun-filled service project.

N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK GROUP meets from 6:00-7:30pm at the home of Jason and Andrea Williams to discuss the second half of *At Home with the World: Essential Teachings from a Monk's Life* by Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

The church office will be closed in recognition of the MLK Jr. Holiday.
7:00pm THEOLOGY ON TAP meets at Blue Stallion on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, from 7-9 pm. We will host a Mission Monday for the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic where 10% of Blue Stallion's proceeds will go towards the legal clinic. All are welcome to come, share a drink for the legal clinic, and help to host a fundraising and educational night about all the good the clinic does! Email Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Kerygma
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
5:45pm Children's Choirs
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

Presbytery Meeting 1st Pres Winchester

ON JANUARY 21, 2019, THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FREEDOM MARCH departs from downtown Center Heritage Hall on West Main Street at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in marching with fellow Maxwell Streeters, we will be meeting in the church parking lot at 9:00 to walk to Center Heritage Hall together. For those who are interested, a Commemorative Program will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Lexington Center Heritage Hall East and Center, featuring guest speaker Reverend William Barber II, who led the "Moral Mondays" sit-in protests, and leads the "Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival." Reverend Barber is a 2018 MacArthur Fellow. If you have questions, contact Matt.

DUTCH - Out to lunch bunch! Join us this month as we go to Joe Bolonga's on Sunday, January 27 after worship. Everyone is welcome!

FLOWER & PUNCH CALENDARS FOR 2019 are up on the bulletin boards. This is a great way to get involved at Maxwell Street. Serve punch and enjoy fellowship! Sponsor flowers for special occasions, in memory of someone or simply to celebrate. See the calendars for open dates.

LUNCH & LEARN & YOUTH SUB SANDWICH FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - We are going to combine the Lunch & Learn Habitat for Humanity presentation and the Youth Sub Sandwich Fundraiser into one Super Bowl Sunday event on Feb. 3! We will introduce you to our new Habitat partner family during the Minute for Mission at worship. Then, after worship you can pick up the sandwiches that you ordered. Habitat will make a short presentation following worship in Fellowship Hall. You may eat your sandwiches during this presentation or take them home to eat during the big game. Sign up sheets for the first build day (Feb 27) are up on the bulletin board near the lobby. You may sign up there or contact Shelli to sign up. Once you sign up, emails will be sent to you with instructions, so be sure to provide your email address. Sub forms can be found in the Narthex and Lobby. Thank you for your support! **ORDERS ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 27**

BLANKET UPDATE - We have donated 242 BLANKETS in the first 13 days of January!! Our original goal was to collect 200 blankets for the Catholic Action Center. Let's raise our goal to 350 blankets! Thank you Maxwell Street!!

THE GREEN TEAM IS BACK! Do you have an interest in environmental concerns? The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. Join Jordan Strickler and Matt Falco on Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 for a conversation about how we at Maxwell Street can be more actively engaged in environmental stewardship.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - Sunday, Feb 3 - Our youth will have soup bowls and be standing at the doors after worship to accept your donation of \$1 or more to help feed the hungry in our community. 100% of the funds stay local! it's the best thing to happen on Super Bowl Sunday!

VALENTINE'S DAY WORKSHOP - On February 10th, families with children are invited to a fun event where we will create cards and other crafts. After worship, we will enjoy a lunch, have a Valentine's Day craft party and then take some of our creations to Ashland Terrace. The residents there are looking forward to our annual visit.

WORDS & WINE - The February book is *Southernmost* by Silas House and we will meet at Becky Kemper's house. Friday February 1st at 6:30. Questions: Kathy Cseledy (Ktcseledy@icloud.com)

YOUTH NEWS

February 1-3: Burnamwood Senior High Spirit Walk
February 3: Sub Fundraiser and Souper Bowl of Caring
February 9: All-day Middle and High School Ski Trip
February 10 and 17: Youth Group- lunch, games, discussion
February 24: Burnamwood Bowl-a-thon

BURNAMWOOD SENIOR HIGH SPIRIT WALK is Friday-Sunday, Feb 1-3 - \$100 Early Bird discount of \$10 off, register for the HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT WALK by January 15th! Register online at www.burnamwood.net

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING IS FEBRUARY 3. We'll need a few youth to help collect this special offering. Contact Rachel (rachel@maxpres.org)

SKI TRIP - Ski Trip- Feb 9, the date has changed, the plan is the same! We will join Kyle Brown and his youth at Perfect North Slopes for tubing and skiing! A wonderful chance for a mid-semester retreat, fellowship, and recreation. Cost: \$35 dollars, including lunch. Deadline: Feb. 1

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.

1. Theology on Tap - January 21
2. Dutch - January 27
3. Valentine's Day Workshop - February 10
4. Words & Wine - Feb 1
5. Youth Ski Trip - Feb 9
6. Green Team Meeting - January 31