



WELCOME

- Greeting
- Announcements
- Minute for Social Justice
- Prelude ~ *Soliloquy* - Michael Helman
Canterbury Bells

We invite you to sign and pass the Fellowship Pad located at the end of your pew during the Prelude so that you can turn and greet one another during the Passing of the Peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
 The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
 Let us worship God together.

+HYMN 35 ~ *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

+CONFESSION

**Yours is a story of grace and mercy. Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth.
 Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing. Yours is a love that overflows.
 Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call. Convict us of our failings.
 Enlighten us to your truth. Enliven us for your service.
 Empower us through your forgiveness. Shower us with your grace.
 Hear now our silent prayers to you.**

- *Holy Lamb of God* ~ Hymn 602
**Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
 Have mercy on us.
 Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
 Grant us your peace;
 grant us your peace;
 grant us your peace.**

There has been a tradition in the church of suspending the saying of the word "alleluia" or singing a "gloria" during Lent's forty days because of the season's penitential nature. This practice dates back to at least the 5th century. This is why we're not singing a "Gloria" after the Assurance of Forgiveness. The Gloria will return for our Easter celebration when we can give it its full and jubilant voice.

- Assurance of Forgiveness
 I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
- Passing of the Peace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD - Psalm 85

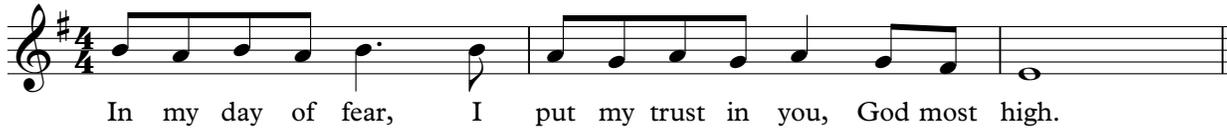
Show us your steadfast love, O God, and grant us your salvation. Let us hear what the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 3.17-19

And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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

PSALM 56 ~ *In My Day of Fear* - John L. Bell



GOSPEL READING - Matthew 7.1-5, 16-20

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

ANTHEM ~ *You Are the Light of the World* - Theron Kirk Chancel choir

SERMON ~ *Weeding* - by Rev. Matt Falco

+HYMN 753 ~ *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP

- Call to Stewardship - Blessed to be a blessing. We believe Maxwell Street exists to bless others, and stewardship is an opportunity to consider what God has given to us to help "deliver the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper..." (from Ps. 72.10) Your generosity makes the ministry of our congregation possible. There are many ways to give including online, through direct withdrawal from your bank account, and by placing an offering in the plate. This time is an opportunity to reflect upon what you have been given, what you have given, and what God is inviting you to give in the future. Give thanks, for God is good.
- Offertory ~ *Give Me Jesus* - Moses Hogan
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 366 ~ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE ~ Hymn 288 - *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

+POSTLUDE ~ *Christus, de ist mein Leben (Christ is my life's salvation)* - Johann Gottfried Walther

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.

K – 5th grade after the children's message, children can go to our Sunday School program where age-appropriate activities will be available for all children ages k-5th grade.

Class: One Room Sunday School

Curriculum: Deep Blue Connects

Location: Big Blue Room and Children's Library (both rooms on Lower Level near Nursery)

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**
Password: maxpres180

- 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

Matt Falco, Rachel Vankirk Mathews, Kaitlin DeSpain, Ted Gentry, Canterbury Bells, and the Chancel Choir.

Reader

Mary Waxham

Acolyte

Julia Weitkamp

Ushers

The ushers are Ralph and Cindy Bollinger, Tim Costich, Tom Dixon, Lon and Angela Keith, Joe and Sandy Kyle.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Kay and Claire Roberts in celebration of their Gotcha Day and building families through adoption.

Punch is served in the West Parlor by Jason and Andrea Williams. All are invited.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Bob Tighe, Jeff Smith, Greg Harper, Agnes Donohue, Madison Smith, Greg Harper's brother, Douglas Ensminger's nephew, Buddy Pierce, Josh Pierce's father, Susan Gill's mother.

Rose Taul on the death of her brother.

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.

Griffin Rice

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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Director of Children's Ministry Michelle Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCAVENGER HUNT - Calling all children! After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for a Saint Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt. Lunch will be served.

YOUTH will meet for lunch, games, discussion after worship! Pick-up is at 1:30.

FLUTE CONCERT - All are invited to the Flute Concert in the sanctuary at 7pm this evening. Come hear what lots of hard work on Saturday mornings yields from the Firebird Chamber Ensemble.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

10:30am Pastor's Coffee
7:00pm Deacons Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Room in the Inn - This is the last session for this winter at MSPC. Thanks to all of our volunteers!
7:00pm Centering Prayer
7:30pm UKIRK Campus Group

WEDNESDAY

8:30am **EVERYBODY'S BREAKFAST** - We will meet in the Scout Room for pleasant company along with time to hear more about Marty Bilderback. As usual, come for the presentation and have a cup of coffee and a doughnut for only a buck.
10:30am Kerygma
5:30pm Stewardship Committee meeting
5:30pm Education Committee
5:45pm Family Life Committee
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
5:45pm Children's Choir
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Westminster Bells

THURSDAY

6:00pm Neighborhood Meal

FRIDAY

2:30pm Early Music Rehearsal

SATURDAY

10:00am The 14th annual Bach Marathon will be held at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church on March 23, from 10:00-5:30pm. The entire music community of central Kentucky, from young students to college professors, comes together to perform a continuous program of J.S. Bach's music. The audience is invited to come and go throughout the day; the event is free.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING is Wednesday at 5:45pm. We would love for anyone interested in planning Family Life events to join us! All are welcome.

WEEKLY MISSION OFFERINGS IN LENT - We come to worship each Sunday to connect with God and one another. 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.

Upcoming Mission Offerings:

Next Sunday March 24 - Laundry & dish detergent

N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK GROUP - For our next book, we're reading *Inspiration and Incarnation* by Peter Enns. Ever had trouble reconciling the God of the Old and New Testaments? What is the difference between saying "This is the Word of God" vs "This is the written testimony to the Word of God?" Enns's book tackles the idea of how we see the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, and the implications it has for the way we see God. Join us on March 31 from 6-7:30pm at Jason and Andrea's house.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - SEEKING AND FINDING GOD IN THE PSALMS. Our Chancel Choir and Instrumentalists will lead us in a service of special music composed by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Palestrina, and others.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - March 25, 7:00 pm at Pivot Brewing. The days are beginning to lengthen and as Christians we have followed Jesus out into the wilderness for 40 days to prepare for Holy Week. Join us in March to discover what wilderness might have meant to Jesus, and what it could mean for us today. Any suggestions for monthly topics or questions about Theology on Tap? Email Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org. All are welcome to join this fellowship group who might enjoy a mixture of cultural, theological, and Biblical conversation.

AN ACT A DAY - We have wonderful Lenten Activities calendars available for you to pick up at the church that encourage you to take simple steps to practice your faith. Every day there is a new opportunity to try some way of living the ways Jesus taught. Help neighbor, care for God's creation, pause to pray...

ON THE TABLE - In place of regular Wednesday night programming on March 27th, we are co-hosting an On the Table event with the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic from 6:00-7:00 in our Fellowship Hall! We will gather around the table with refugees, immigrants, and Maxwell Street Legal Clinic partners, and engage in both casual and meaningful conversation together. Dinner and childcare provided.

LUNCH & LEARN POTLUCK - Sunday, March 31 after worship - Isabel Taylor from Global Lex will speak with our congregation after worship on March 31st for an Immigration International Potluck, to help us break some immigration myths and continue learning after our On the Table event with Maxwell Street Legal Clinic. All are invited to bring a dish from your cultural background.

JOIN THE E7 MARCH MADNESS CHALLENGE! - Support E7 Kids Café by entering our Tournament Challenge on ESPN. For a \$15 minimum donation you can join our Tournament Group and enter your bracket. The top three winners will receive non-cash prizes! Sign up today in the Punch Parlor!

EASTER EGG HUNT PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - All are invited to Palm Sunday Brunch in Fellowship Hall after worship on April 14. Following brunch, children of Maxwell (pre-K-5th grade) will get to "hunt" for Easter eggs that have been stuffed and hidden by our own MSPC youth. What a great way to celebrate the gift of new life and the joys of springtime! Let's worship together, enjoy brunch and hunt for eggs!

YOUTH NEWS:

April 12-14 Youth Sunday

May 5 - Youth Sunday

May 19- Confirmation Sunday

June 29- July 6 High School Guatemala Mission Trip

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. Everybody's Breakfast - March 20

C. Theology on Tap - March 24

E. Lunch & Learn Potluck - March 31

B. NADYA Book Group - March 31

D. On the Table - March 27

F. Easter Egg Hunt - April 14