



TOGETHER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
180 E. Maxwell St. Lexington, KY
www.maxpres.org



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We are so glad you are with us today. Sign in and let us know you are joining us, just like we previously did with the pew cards and pens. We also offer, easy, secure online giving. Your generosity is what makes our ministry and programming possible at MSPC. Thank you!

This week, the CDC issued the following guidance:

- If you are fully vaccinated, you can participate in many of the activities that you did before the pandemic.
- To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.*
- Wearing a mask is most important if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at increased risk for severe disease, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated. If this applies to you or your household, you might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission in your area.
- You should continue to wear a mask where required by laws, rules, regulations, or local guidance.

***Fayette County is currently an area of high transmission. In order to keep one another and our community safe, we are requiring all persons who attend in-person services to wear a mask to help curb the spread of the delta variant and to keep those who are unable to be vaccinated safer. Please help us keep worshipping together in person by getting vaccinated and by following the guidance of our health professionals.**

WELCOME

- GREETING
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRELUDE - *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*, arr. Don Wyrzten
Susan Carey, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all you

who are widows, lonely, orphans, divorced, downtrodden, unemployed, oppressed, LGBTQIA+, and children.

Come everyone to enjoy fellowship with God and one another.

The God who bandages the wounded, heals the sick, feeds the hungry, provides for the orphans and the widows, raises up the downtrodden, and gives hope to the hopeless.

A God who is mother to the motherless and father to the fatherless.

Let us worship God together!

+ **HYMN 610** - *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Choir verses 1, 3, Congregation verse 5)

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You love us with open arms, O God. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. Hear now our silent prayers...

- ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- GLORIA PATRI - Hymn 581 - *Glory Be to the Father*
 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 MESSAGE

OFFERING

- CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

In an effort to keep our community healthy, we will not be passing the offering plate. Please consider making an online offering (see front page top of bulletin for details), or send your offering directly to the church office. Your generosity is what makes all our ministry and programming possible. You support the food we're able to give out, our many missions, your worship experiences, and staff. Thanks for your generosity!

- PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 125:1-5

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts. But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

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

ANTHEM - *A Time for All Things*, arr. Douglas E. Wagner, Chancel Choir

To everything there is a season. There is a time for all good things. A time to plant and a time to reap, a time to give, a time to take. A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance. To everything there is a season. There is a time for all good things. A time to follow, a time to lead, a time to speak and a time to heed. A time to sleep, a time to wake, a time to give and a time to take. For all the blessings of our God are given us that we might have a time to live, a time to share, a time to love and a time to care. A time for all good things.

SCRIPTURE READING - Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: God is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

SERMON - *The Maker Of Them All* - Rev. Matt Falco

THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Invitation
- Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: And with those whose hands brought these gifts to us.

All: And also with them.

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, so we thank you, God, for your creation.

All: For your creation, thank you.

Leader: For you so loved the world, you gave us your Christ Child. Thank you God, for your salvation.

All: For your salvation, thank you.

- The Lord's Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People

- Prayer after Communion (from “Liturgies from Below,” by Carvalhaes)

Open house that shares bread for the long road

Open house that gives water of life and peace to drink

Open house that receives, accompanies and resists

that shares and walks committed to life

Open house with justice, peace, hope and consolation,

That walks in community and creates spaces of love.

**May this meal you gave to us make our hearts, our homes,
our place of worship an open house. Amen.**

+ **HYMN 767** - *Together We Serve* (Choir verses 1, 3, and Congregation verse 4)

+ **CHARGE**

+ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE ~ *Processional*, Dale Wood (1934-2003)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Like any gathering place, a church has a personality. Our historic building and beautiful sanctuary embody the spirit of tradition, yet our Sunday morning services are frequently punctuated by laughter. Diversity, inclusion, and mission are the heartbeat of our church family. We reach out and embrace everyone regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or sexual orientation. MSPC also witnesses to God's love as we stand with the marginalized and advocate for social justice.

At MSPC, you're sure to find someone like you: college students, singles, boomers, retirees, and children and families of all descriptions. You can also find space here to recharge, linger in the depth of message and music, and connect with others who readily accept you and rejoice in varied opportunities to be the church together. 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.
- An elevator is located in the Education Building for your convenience.
- 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.

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

WAYS TO LEARN MORE

Please visit www.maxpres.org for details about our ministries for all ages and interests. We also have an active facebook page - www.facebook.com/maxpres. If you would like to be added to our Friday email which has information about what is going on in the life of the church, you may do so at: www.maxpres.org. If you have questions, a pastor will be happy to talk with you at your convenience; simply call the church office at (859) 255-1074, 9am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday, 9am -1:30pm Friday

JOYS & CONCERNS

Stephanie Kubar Spencer, Doug and Linda Ensminger's daughter, Dana and granddaughter Mabry; Ted Gentry's mom, Lon Keith's father and Angela and Lon's friends Buford Green and Mauro Ziroli; Tom Dixon's great grandson, Ezra and his mom; Cassandra.

All Healthcare Providers, Teachers, and other frontline workers during this pandemic.

All Women and Men in service to our country and their families.

FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Linscott family.

A second arrangement is given by Tina M. Durbin. These flowers are given to the glory of God for all the blessings in our lives, big and small, known and unknown.

PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matt Falco, Rev. Rachel VanKirk Mathews, Ted Gentry, Beth Wilson, Katie Blair, Chancel Choir

USHERS: Tracy Bruno and Mike Schmitt

SPECIAL MUSIC: Susan Carey

VIDEO AND SOUND CREW: Rich Copley, Jim Lump, Kevin Moore, Bill Smith, Will Burchfield, Chip Weitkamp

GRAPHIC DESIGN: Marianne Russell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW-ISH MEMBER CLASS

Looking to connect with others? Want to learn more about what is happening at the church over the next month? Do have questions for Matt about becoming a member of Maxwell Street? Stick around after worship on Sunday, September 5 for conversation in the Sanctuary. **Please RSVP to Matt by emailing him at matt@maxpres.org.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called meeting of the congregation for the purpose of dissolving Rachel's call to ministry at Maxwell Street during the September 12, 2021 worship service. Immediately following the service, there will be an outdoor reception on the playground with refreshments and a greeting line instead of a luncheon due to the Covid pandemic.

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Saturday, September 10th at 11:00am, there will be a Service of Remembrance for Chris Rabel at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. We will remember with love and appreciation the gift Chris was to each of us and to our congregation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Masking and social distancing will be required.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Our Children's Sunday School meets at 10:30am each Sunday, when worship is also going on. All children ages K-5th grade are welcome! The PC(USA) has a new curriculum that is designed for all ages of the church! The curriculum is called Follow Me and teaches the spiritual practices that Jesus taught and demonstrated through his life and ministry. This Fall, through children's Sunday School and youth group, the children and youth of Maxwell Street will study the spiritual practices, "Follow Jesus," "Welcome All," and "Hope."

COLLEGE MINISTRY HAS BEGUN!

UKirk Lexington is the PC(USA) campus ministry to UK, Transy, and BCTC. It's a progressive and inclusive space that welcomes all students. We get curious about faith and the world, do service projects, have fun, and eat together. Join us every Tuesday evening of the school year at 7:00pm for dinner in the Fellowship Hall (basement level) and 7:30pm for discussion. Bring friends, follow us on Instagram (@ukirklex) for updates on what's happening each week, and reach out to Matt (matt@maxpres.org) with any questions. We hope to see you on Tuesday!

NEW NURTURING PARENTS GROUP STARTING SEPTEMBER 26

After worship, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and childcare provided. Join other parents for conversation, sharing, and learning. New parents, parents of elementary-aged children, parents of teens and college students, parents of adults are all welcome. It takes a village, right? We value the sharing of multi-generational fellowship and wisdom: our diversity of experience and perspective creates the support we need to help our children on their journey as God's children. Our guest speaker that Sunday will be our own Shelli Gregory, Family Resource Coordinator for Picadome Elementary School. She is going to facilitate an "Open Space Conversation" about general strategies that can help parents, grandparents, guardians, and children of all ages cope with the stresses of the ongoing pandemic. **Please RSVP to Tina (tina@maxpres.org) or online.**

WEDNESDAYS AT MAXWELL STREET

Beginning September 8

Let someone else worry about dinner on Wednesday; you don't have enough time anyway! People who sing are happier, healthier, and live longer! People who gather in small groups learn more, are more engaged in their communities, and have more cultural understanding! At least according to the internet. The good news is you can do all these things on Wednesdays at Maxwell Street. It's for everyone... adults, families with kids, college students, choir members, bell ringers. Maxwell Street is your church and it's a great place to hang out and enjoy one another's company.

5:45 Children's Choirs (open to kids K to 5th grade)

6:00pm Dinner with Friends and Family at 6:00pm

***Kids and College Students EAT FREE**

*Adults suggested donation of \$5

6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Evening Kerygma Class

7:30pm Westminster Bells

MISSION

MISSION HEALTH LEXINGTON FUNDRAISERS

First Annual Golf Scramble

Friday September 17, 2021

Houston Oaks Golf Course Paris, Ky

Register online www.missionhealthlex.org/golf

Faith Pharmacy Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Cathedral of Christ the King Lexington, Ky

Purchase your tickets online

www.missionhealthlex.org/spaghetti

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Supporting Healthcare Workers

This month we are supporting the hospital staff in or community who are working with covid patients. We are requesting cards (thank you, thinking of you, funny, lift me up, etc.) to give to the staff to let them know we are thinking of them, grateful for them, and praying for them. The cards can be hand made or store bought. This would be a great family activity! Front line Covid support staff is usually nurses & nurse practitioners, nurse aids, respiratory therapists, physicians and PAs, lab and xray technicians.

We will deliver these to the Covid units at the local hospitals along with a food item (i.e., fruit and/or cookies) to share with the staff. We are also requesting financial donations to purchase the snacks. Please bring items in by September 15. Please put "hospital hospitality" in the memo line of your check. Thank you!

SOCIAL WORK NEEDS

Our Social Worker hands out cleaning supplies and toiletries to many clients on a weekly basis. We are currently in need of the following items:

- **Laundry soap (single use/laundromat size preferred)**
- **Cleaning solution (409 etc)**
- **Backpack (neutral/dark colors, adult sized)**

Please bring donations into the church office during normal office hours, or on Sundays. **If you have any questions please contact tish@maxpres.org. Thank you for your continued support of our community.**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.