



# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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In celebration of Black History Month, this week's cover art is by Augustin Kolawole Olayinka, "The Transfiguration of Jesus" (1997).

Welcome to Maxwell Street! We hope you will consider wearing a nametag so that we might get to know one another better. They can be found in the lobbies outside the sanctuary. You can find more helpful information inside this bulletin.

## INTROIT 411 - *God Is Here Today*

**God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.**

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** - *Prelude in F minor*, Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

May this gathering today be a time and space when we find a moment 'in and out of time'.

**A moment of meeting with You when the daily veil that at times covers our world and our lives is removed and we see Your glory.**

Glory revealed in the beauty of the universe You have created,

**beauty revealed in the community we are part of, beauty revealed to us in Your precious word, most of all, beauty revealed in the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Help us again today to come away with You to a quiet place, to meet with You in new ways,

**ways that help us glimpse how things really are when we truly come into Your presence, when we truly allow Your light to transform us and the whole world.**

Let us worship God together.

**+ HYMN 662** - *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

## + CONFESSION & PARDON

**Merciful God, it is good for us to be here, but we also tremble and recoil as did the disciples on the mountain. For we have not lived gloriously, nor listened to the One who bids us take up our cross and live the costly life of faith. We have prostrated ourselves before the false brightness of lesser lights, which blazon their false claims of truth, or fulfilment, or hope. Humbly we ask for Your forgiveness. Hear us now as we offer up our silent confessions...**

• RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS: Hymn 581, (*Gloria Patri*)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

**Transfiguring God, before Your Son suffered on the cross You revealed His true glory on the holy mountain. As we now, by faith, behold the light of His face and glimpse His glory may we be strengthened to bear the cross, and that we may reflect His glory to the world around, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** - 2 Peter 1.16-21 NT pg 236 (NRSVUE)

**ANTHEM** - *He Watching Over Israel*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947), Chancel Choir, Loren Tice, piano

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Matthew 17.1-9 NT pg 18

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**SERMON** - *"Transfigured On the Mountain" or "It Is Good For Us To Be Here"*, Rev. Matt Falco

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** - From *The Confession of 1967 (Inclusive Language Version)*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

+ **HYMN 366** - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S** (*Debts & Debtors*)

## OFFERING

- OFFERTORY - *My Jesus, I Love Thee*, Gordon/Page, Westminster Bells
- DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

- PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ **HYMN 192** - *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Hymn 733, *We All Are One in Mission*

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**POSTLUDE** - *Marche de Fête*, Henri Büsser (1872-1973)

*Join us in the Punch Parlor after worship at the rear of sanctuary for conversation and community.  
Punch this week is provided by the generosity of Kiersten Kerksmar.*

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## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

Kenneth Frost, Joan Colborn, The Dooling Family, Cindy and Allen Gayheart, Kenny Leatherman, Carolyn Hale, The Phillips Family, Ashleee Vogelsang's grandfather, Martin Hendrix's mother; Kenny Way, Kaye Morgan's son-in-law; Joyce Crofts; Anne Chestnut's husband.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Rowena Johnson, Janet Lump, Ted Gentry, and the Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: AJ Schwake

USHERS: Katie Whaley, Tony Sidor, Dan Farrer, Zane Kerksmar

VIDEO AND SOUND CREW: Rich Copley, Jim Lump, Bill Smith, Jay Vessels, Jonah Falco

## **Revised Common Lectionary Readings for February 15, 2026**

First reading: Exodus 24.12-18

Second reading: 2 Peter 1.16-21

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. We're so glad you've chosen to be with us today for worship. This bulletin will be a helpful guide to our service, but here is some additional information we hope will help you feel at home. Maxwell Street Presbyterian is a More Light Congregation. More Light Presbyterians are dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. We strive to use inclusive language that reflects the beauty of God's diversity. You are welcome here, and you are loved.

- A Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church App is available from the Apple and Google App Stores. You can scan the QR code to the right to access the app. You can also sign in via the app.
- You can also go to [www.maxpres.org/give](http://www.maxpres.org/give) to support our ministry.
- Please be aware that today's service is being live-streamed and recorded. Portions of the service, including video and audio, may be shared online. By attending, you acknowledge that your image and/or voice may appear in these recordings.
- LARGE PRINT BIBLES and BULLETINS are available from the ushers.
- Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.
- For your convenience, an elevator is located in the Lobby off the parking lot/playground.
- 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.



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Scan this code with your smartphone or device

## **Children's Programming on Sundays**

Infants & Toddlers 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.

Pre-K Sunday School Class (for ages 3,4 and 5)

This class is specifically designed (using the Grow, Proclaim, Serve! curriculum) for younger children, keeping them engaged in fun bible-centered lessons. Children will head downstairs following the Children's Moment during worship.

Grades K-5 Sunday School

We also offer a class for older students that are in Grades K-5. Children gather in large groups for the Bible story, music, and movement, then break into age-level small groups to dig deeper and apply the story to their daily lives. Children will head downstairs following the Children's Moment during worship.

## **Ways To Learn More**

Please visit [www.maxpres.org](http://www.maxpres.org) for details about our ministries for all ages and interests. We also have an active Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/maxpres](http://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 church's life, you may do so at: [www.maxpres.org](http://www.maxpres.org). If you have additional questions, Matt will be happy to talk with you at your convenience; call the church office at (859) 255-1074, 9am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, February 15**

9:15am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Adult Sunday School  
9:30am - Third Space Sunday  
10:30am - Worship  
10:45am - Children's Sunday School  
11:45am - Usher Training, Johnston Parlor  
11:45am - Youth Group  
11:45am - Children's Choir  
11:45am - GeNext

### **Tuesday, February 17**

12:30pm - Centering Prayer

### **Wednesday, February 18**

10:30am - Kerygma Class  
5:45pm - Soup Supper  
6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service  
6:30pm - Chancel Choir  
7:00pm - UKIRK Campus Group

### **Thursday, February 19**

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

### **Saturday, February 21**

12:00pm - Stitchmates

### **Sunday, February 22**

9:30am - Adult Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
10:45am - Children's Sunday School  
11:45am - Youth Group  
11:45am - Children's Choir  
11:45am - GeNext  
6:00pm - NADYA

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **KERYGMA CLASS**

#### **Wednesdays, 10:30am in Library**

This class explores From Judgment to Hope by Walter Brueggemann. Together we'll study the prophets as imaginative voices who envisioned alternative futures grounded in justice and hope. Contact Matt for more info.

### **N.A.D.Y.A.**

#### **Sunday, February 15, 6-7:30pm**

N.A.D.Y.A. is returning in February and will meet from 6-7:30pm at Jason & Andrea's home to discuss, "Humanish: What Talking to Your Cat of Naming Your Car Reveals about the Uniquely Human Need to Humanize". Contact Jason at jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com if you have questions.

### **STITCHMATES**

#### **2nd and 4th Saturdays at noon**

We meet twice a month in the Church Library. Bring the projects you are working on and enjoy this time of fellowship! Questions? Contact Elise (elisekalika56@gmail.com).

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER**

#### **Wednesday, February 18th, 5:45 PM**

UKirk, our Campus Ministry Program, invites you to join them for a simple soup supper before our Ash Wednesday service in the Fellowship Hall. Donations to UKirk are appreciated.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

#### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:30 PM**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent - a season of reflection, repentance, and hope. Join us for worship on Wednesday at 6:30 pm, as we gather for prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes. As part of this service, we will name not only our personal sin but the shared wounds of our world. The ashes are not just a sign of mortality, but also of truth-telling and solidarity. Ashes available all day beginning at 9:00am.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **GENEXT**

#### **Sunday, February 15 after worship**

GeNext is a program designed to give 4th & 5th graders a place to connect with one another. Contact Michelle Jones for more info. (michelle.jones@maxpres.org)

## YOUTH

### **THAT'S AMORE! - YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

#### **Sunday, February 22**

The Maxwell Street Youth Group wants to show their love for Maxwell by hosting an Italian dinner. Proceeds support the Youth Summer Mission Trips. There will also be a silent auction. Please see a member of the youth group for tickets or use this QR Code.

The Youth Group is accepting donation of items or themed giftbaskets for their Silent Auction on February 22nd alongside the Spaghetti Dinner. Please contact Rob (rob@maxpres.org) if you have a donation.



## MISSION

The mission committee is requesting gloves for the RAC for Feb. As the colder months are upon us we are seeing a rise in the need for both mens and womens gloves.

## FELLOWSHIP

### **CHILI & THE CATS**

#### **Saturday, February 28th, 1:30-3:30pm**

MSPC will be hosting a chili lunch and watching a UK basketball game with our community neighbors. This year's event will be on Saturday, February 28th with the UK Wildcats taking on Vanderbilt. The game starts at 2:00pm and will be shown on the big screen in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up to bring food or volunteer, scan this QRC or chat with Pam Boldt (pam@maxpres.org).

