



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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In celebration of Black History Month, this week's cover art is, "Sermon on the Mount" by Bronx- based artist, Laura James, 2010. 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 and Fugue on the Kyrie*, Gaspard Corette (1670-1730)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Based on Psalm 112*

Praise the Lord! Those who honor the Lord, who adore God's commandments, are truly happy!
Their descendants will be strong throughout the land. The offspring of those who do right will be blessed;
Their righteousness stands forever.
They shine in the dark for others who do right. They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.
Yes, these sorts of people will never be shaken; the righteous will be remembered forever!
They won't be frightened at bad news. Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord.
Let us worship God together.

+ HYMN 667 - *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

+ CONFESSON & PARDON

God of heaven and earth, you sent Jesus into this world not to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill them. You created each of us with a purpose, but we resist your call. We live for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We ignore the pain of the world, turning our backs on the hungry, the poor and the oppressed. Forgive us, and fulfill your purpose in us, that your will may be done on earth as in heaven; through Christ our Lord. 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

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 2.1-16 NT pg 166 (NRSVUE)

ANTHEM - *Set Me as a Seal*, René Clausen (b. 1953), Chancel Choir, based on Song of Solomon 8.6

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 5.13-20 NT pg 4

SERMON - “*A Spirit of Discernment*”, Rev. Matt Falco

STATEMENT OF FAITH - From the *Iona Community*

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ **HYMN 726** - *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Cor. 12:4–7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

Deacons and Ruling Elders to Be Ordained and Installed:

Lauren Feltner - Deacon

Anna Wethington - Deacon

Troy Cooper - Ruling Elder

Jonah Falco - Ruling Elder

Alicia Hart - Ruling Elder

Peter Perry - Ruling Elder

Elizabeth Varney - Ruling Elder

Deacons and Ruling Elders Previously Ordained, Now to Be Installed

Debbie Acker - Deacon

Lauren Falco - Deacon

Zane Kercsmar - Deacon

Matt McMahan - Deacon

Dan Farrer - Ruling Elder

Michelle Gardner - Ruling Elder

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEW CLASS OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (Hebrews 12.1-4)

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

OFFERING

- OFFERTORY - *From the Nets of Our Labors*, Chancel Choir, Lauren Falco, violin
- 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 700** - *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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 - Trumpet Tune, Michael McCabe (b. 1941)

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tammy Lane in remembrance of her mother's birthday.

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 Susan Liddle & Mark Summers

JOYS & CONCERNS

Kenneth Frost, Joan Colborn, The Dooling Family, Cindy and Allen Gayheart, Kenny Leatherman, Carolyn Hale, The Phillips Family, Ashlee Vogelsang's grandfather, Martin Hendrix's mother; Kenny Way, Kaye Morgan's son-in-law; Joyce Crofts; Anne Chestnut's husband. We extend our condolences to Helen Richardson and her family on the death of her grandmother.

PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Rob Wethington, Bobby Eads, Ted Gentry, and the Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: Lily Murphy

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

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

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for February 1, 2026

First reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Psalm: 112:1-9 (10)

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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 left to access the app. You can also sign in via the app.
- You can also go to 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 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 church's life, you may do so at: 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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8

9:30am - Adult Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:45am - Youth Group
11:45am - Children's Choir

Tuesday, February 10

12:30pm - Centering Prayer

Wednesday, February 11

10:30am - Kerygma Class
6:30pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - UKIRK Campus Group

Thursday, February 12

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal
7:00pm - Maxwell Street Young Adults

Saturday, February 14

12:00pm - Stitchmates

Sunday, February 15

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).

WOMEN'S RETREAT

August 14-16, 2026

Travel to Montreat, NC for Women's Connection 2026 for a weekend of connection and conversation. Registration ranges between \$385-\$535, scholarships are available. Don't let cost prevent you from joining us! Contact Michelle (michelle.jones@maxpres.org) for more information.

MAXWELL STREET YOUNG ADULTS

Thursday, February 12, 7:00pm

Our Young Adult Group meets this Thursday at the home of Laura, Matt, and Leroy. There will be a vegetarian meal, heart-shaped treats, and good conversation. Please RSVP to and ask questions of Laura at laura.zolman@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 support 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.

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

CALL FOR DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is asking for donations of new or lightly used shoes for adults including practical boots, tennis shoes, work boots, hiking boots, etc. for our neighbors at Thursday Night Meals and the Clothing Drive. Additionally, donations of heavy socks, hats, and gloves, are welcome!

Mission Committee will be meeting Tuesday, February 10th, at 7pm.