

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church (USA)

A Missional Church



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*Equipping our church family;
Engaging every member in ministry;
Following God's call into the world;
To Transform Mount Pleasant into a Christ-like community.*

January 13, 2019

Baptism of the Lord

8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 am

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

As we joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love, you are invited to enter your personal preparation for worship at the beginning of the prelude.

*Those who are able, please stand.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Paul Manz

LIFE in the CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!

People: Dip your soul into the water of life.

Leader: Come, all who hunger. Come to the table!

People: Eat your fill of the bread of life.

Leader: Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!

People: Rest your spirits in the house of God.

*HYMN #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*PRAYER of CONFESSION (unison)

God of grace, have mercy upon us.

You have called us by name, and we are yours;

but still we try to wrest control from Your loving hands.

You promise that the rivers shall not overwhelm us and the flames will not consume us;

but still we choose comfort and safety over bold witness in Your name.

Forgive us, Lord, and give us courage to follow You.

Remind us that we are created for your glory,

and that You will be with us always, even to the end of the age...

(Silent prayers of confession may be offered)

*ASSURANCE of PARDON

***PASSING of the PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

All are encouraged to pass the peace of Christ to each other during this time.

***ACT of PRAISE #611 (vs. 1)**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

LET THE CHILDREN COME

ANTHEM (8:15)

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love!
MPPC Vocal Ensemble

Jesus! Name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen ones of earth,
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human Name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

(9:45)

Bread of Heaven
Kirk Choir

David Ashley White

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed: for thy Flesh is meat indeed:
Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread;
Day by day with strength supplied, through the life of Him who died.
Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live:
Jesu, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

(11:15)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Adult Choir

Eugene Butler

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life, such a Way as gives us breath;
Such a Truth as ends all strife, such a Life that killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength, such a Light as shows a feast,
Such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart, such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part, such a Heart as joys in Love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7 (p. 658)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p. 935)

SERMON

“BAPTISM BY FIRE”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.14-15)

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY #609

All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD/THE CUP

When passing the bread: *“The Body of Christ broken for you.”*

When passing the cup: *“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (9:45)	<i>Now Go in Peace</i> Kirk Choir	Caribbean traditional
(11:15)	<i>Go With Us, Lord</i> Adult Choir	Thomas Tallis
POSTLUDE	<i>O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High</i> (Agincourt Hymn)	John Dunstable

*Those who are able, please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum, Pastor
Rev. Kim Trimboli, Interim Associate Pastor
Barbara Loehr-Fox, Director of Music Ministries

Rev. Bart Edwards, Associate Pastor
Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons, Parish Associate
Jason Pedeaux, Organist, Associate Director of Music Ministries

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TODAY AT MPPC

WELCOMING ELDERS: Tina Garrett and Harry Smith

LAY READERS: (8:15) JoAnne Harwell (9:45) Rob Crowder (11:15) Bob Reed

THE ROSEBUD THIS MORNING celebrates the birth of Jacob Stanley Shervinski, son of Josh and Sara Wilson Shervinski and grandson of Stan and Penny Wilson (Deacon Group # 73), on December 27, 2018.

WE EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY this morning and offer our love, prayers, and support to families and friends on the deaths of Linda LaLonde, sister of Sue Googer (Deacon Group #17), on December 17, 2018; Ronald Johnston, father of Jennie Humphreys (Deacon Group #30), on December 19, 2018; Robert Loehr, father of Barbara Loehr-Fox (Deacon Group #55), on December 31, 2018; and Thomas Finley Coffey, Sr., uncle of Betsy Wallace (Deacon Group #60) & Will Coffey (Deacon Group #13), on January 4, 2019.

INTERESTED IN MPPC? Check *Wish To Join* on the Friendship pad, or call *Benjamin Shaeffer* at the office, for info on New Member classes.

CHILDCARE for WORSHIP - All are welcome to worship at MPPC, including those who wish to keep their little ones with them during services. Our Children's Ministry provides safe, secure nurseries for babies through K-5, and our nurturing, experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offer a welcoming environment to all children.

PAGE the PASTOR ON CALL after hours at *843-901-9977 (this number is always on MPPC's answering system). During business hours, speak with someone in the office if you learn a member is hospitalized. Pastors and member volunteers visit area hospitals regularly.

PRAYER REQUESTS - Contact *Betty Jenkins* (843-375-0748) or *Helen Slack* (843-569-2753).

STEPHEN MINISTRY - If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers offer confidential care to those dealing with a crisis: they listen, encourage, support, and pray with and for you in weekly meetings as long as needed. For a private referral or to become a Stephen Minister, contact *Donna Thigpen* (843-345-6221).

PARKING: Do not block driveways, park on lawns or double-park near the church. Find additional parking for Sunday worship at: Moultrie Middle School, Stubbs Muldrow & Herin, C3 Investments, and RB's.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP - Turn off *phones* once inside the Sanctuary. Welcome and make room for those arriving after you. Ask an usher for an *audio unit* to better hear the service. If needed, *pew cushions* are in the Narthex for use during worship. An Usher will help you locate one. PLEASE: **NO photos, video, eating or drinking during any part of the service.**

LIVE STREAMING In order to share God's word with the world, our 11:15 service is video recorded and streamed live online. If you do not wish to appear on camera, seating is available in the back balcony and the back four pews of the sanctuary.

*please note: we have a new pastor on call phone number