

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.

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

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 (8:15)

Prelude on Slane

Paul Manz

(11:15)

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Valdosta State University Singers; Dr. David Klement, Director of Choral Activities

Translation:

Word, equal to the Most High, our only hope, eternal day of the earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night. Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!

Spread upon us the fire of your powerful grace, that all hell might flee at the sound of your voice;
Dispel the languishing soul's sleep which has caused it to forget your laws!

Oh Christ, show favor to this faithful people now gathered to bless you.

Receive the songs it offers to your immortal glory, and may it return filled with your gifts!

LIFE in the CHURCH FAMILY

WELCOME of NEW MEMBERS (11:15)

We, the members of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, renewing our covenant with God and with each other, welcome you into our fellowship to share the joys, trials, responsibilities, and blessings of Christian discipleship. As God equips us for the work of ministry, engages us in service, and bids us to follow Christ's call into the world, we pledge to you our support and love as we join together in God's reconciliation and transformation of the world.

*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: It is God who hears the cries of the oppressed, who covers us and shelters us in the day of trouble.

People: For in Christ, every one of God's promises is a "Yes!"

Leader: It is God who sets us high on a rock, establishing us, anointing us, and putting God's seal upon us.

People: For in Christ, every one of God's promises is a "Yes!"

Leader: It is God who gives the Spirit to our hearts and helps us stand firm in the faith.

People: For in Christ, every one of God's promises is a "Yes!"

***HYMN #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***PRAYER of CONFESSION (unison)**

Merciful God, you promise to hide us in your shelter in the day of trouble and to keep us safe upon your rock,
but in our fear we still build our own shelters and erect our own fortresses.
Forgive us, Lord, for seeking solace in the wrong things.
Forgive us for not following you as we should.
Forgive us for the ways that we have hurt others, hurt ourselves, and hurt you.
Hear, O LORD, when we cry aloud; be gracious to us and answer us!

(Silent prayers of confession may be offered)

***ASSURANCE of PARDON**

***PASSING of the PEACE (responsive)**

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 #630 (st. 1)**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

LET THE CHILDREN COME

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

(11:15) Corbin Jones Kern

(Please—no photos or video during the service of worship.)

BAPTISM HYMN #486 (vs. 1)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

ANTHEM (8:15)

Hear Me Redeemer

Henry Mollicone

Adult Choir; Lyricc Jenkins, soprano; Jairus McClanahan, tenor

Hear me, Redeemer, send down your love to cleanse my soul.

Lord of lords, wash away my sinful ways, show me the power of Your love!

Lord of lords, shine Your light through all my days, show me the power of Your love!

Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way, show me the power of Your love!

Mighty God, let me praise You every day, show me the power of Your love!

(9:45)

The Lord's Prayer
Kirk Choir

Bradley Ellingboe

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us all our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(11:15)

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

Valdosta State University Singers; Dr. David Klement, Director of Choral Activities

Translation: Mercifully grant us peace, Lord God, in our time.

There is none other Who can struggle for us but you alone, our God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Psalm 27 (p. 493)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Luke 13:31-35 (p. 957)

SERMON

“*WEEPING OVER JERUSALEM*”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Second Helvetic Confession (5.110)

The Lord abundantly shows that we receive Christ by faith... Therefore, we do not share in the benefit of justification partly because of the grace of God or Christ, and partly because of ourselves, our love, works or merit, but we attribute it wholly to the grace of God in Christ through faith... We are made truly righteous, as we have said, by faith in Christ purely by the grace of God, who does not impute to us our sins, but the righteousness of Christ, or rather, he imputes faith in Christ to us for righteousness. Moreover, the apostle very clearly derives love from faith when he says: “The aim of our command is love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (8:15 & 9:45)

Wondrous Love

David N. Johnson

(11:15)

Elijah Rock

arr. Jester Hairston

Valdosta State University Singers; Dr. David Klement, Director of Choral Activities

*DOXOLOGY #606

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN #542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (8:15)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Adult Choir

Mark Schweizer

(9:45)

Christ, When We See You
Kirk Choir

Sam/Klusmeier

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

*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
Misha Pekar, Kirk Choir accompanist

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: Len Hutchison and Mitch Witherspoon

LAY READERS: (8:15) Joe Molinari (9:45) Dunn Hollingsworth (11:15) Bob Ostrom

BAPTISMS THIS MORNING: (11:15) Corbin Jones Kern, child of Ashley and Matt Kern.

THE FLOWERS for WORSHIP today are given by Martha and Pat Waters to the glory of God.

WE EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY this morning and offer our love, prayers, and support to families and friends on the deaths of Harold S. Walker, brother in law of Hugh Burgess (Deacon Group #34), on March 2; and Mamie B. Thrower, sister of Hugh Burgess (Deacon Group #34), on March 10.

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.

SESSION

Peter Bynum – Moderator

Bart Edwards, Lib McGregor Simmons, & Kim Trimboli – Teaching Elders

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