



Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church (USA) A Missional Church

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 and 10:30 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.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Charles Callahan

LIFE in the CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

(from Matthew 22 & Luke 14)

One: Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a banquet."

Many: **The feast is prepared, and God invites one and all to enter his hall.**

One: Not all who are invited make the time. Some make light of it, choosing other things.

Many: **"The feast is ready," God says, "but those invited were not worthy."**

One: "Go therefore into the main streets," God says, "and invite everyone you find to my banquet."

Many: **Let us go out into the roads and lanes,
and compel people to come in, so that the house of the Lord may be filled!**

*HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

*PRAYER of CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us for the ways we honor ourselves.
We climb ladders of success rather than humble steps of faithfulness.
We are so concerned about our own seats at the table
that we fail to see others who should be invited to the banquet.
Forgive us for living as if we do not know your Word.
Give us hearts to see the people who need to be seen.
Give us courage to defend the weak.
Give us the will to stand up for the truth.
Help us to humble ourselves, and walk the path of peace,
following you as our Lord and Savior.

(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.

During the Act of Praise, children participating in the Let the Children Come may begin to make their way to the chancel area.

*ACT of PRAISE #20 (vs. 3)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Repeat refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

LET THE CHILDREN COME

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM (9:00) Caroline Elizabeth Flandry, child of Meredith & Andrew Flandry
(10:30) William Hunter Beall, child of Courtney & Hunter Beall

(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 (9:00) *Prayer for Today* Tucker/Kemp
Kim & Tony Trimboli; Barbara and Winter Fox

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere
Who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes run out.

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere
Who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere
Who live in comfort, love and peace and pray sincerely for strife to cease;
But who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all.

God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere to come closer together
In plenty and need, and to make our world your home, indeed.

(10:30) *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Pelmear/Oakley
Adult Choir

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may also fly;
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out.
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (pp. 530-531)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (pp. 951-952)

SERMON

"GOD'S PARTIES"

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

*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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN #418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE (10:30)

Amen
Adult Choir

Per Harling

POSTLUDE

Caprice

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*Those who are able, please stand.

TODAY AT MPPC

WORSHIP LEADERS: *Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum*, Pastor; *Rev. Bart Edwards*, Associate Pastor; *Rev. Kim Trimboli*, Interim Associate Pastor; *Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons*, Parish Associate; *Barbara Loehr-Fox*, Director of Music Ministries; *Jason Pedeaux*, Organist, Associate Director of Music Ministries

WELCOMING ELDERS: Elizabeth Amory and Joe Molinari

LAY READERS: (9:00) Joe Molinari (10:30) Bob Ostrom

THE FLOWERS for WORSHIP today are given by Kathleen and Walt Martin and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathleen's dad, Dr. William M. Murphy, and in celebration of his birthday.

INTERESTED IN MPPC? Check *Wish To Join* on the Friendship pad, or call the church 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.

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

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP-Ask an usher for an *audio unit* to better hear the service. If needed, *pew cushions* are in the Narthex for use during worship. PLEASE: ***NO photos, video, eating or drinking during any part of the service.***

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).

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LIVE STREAMING-In order to share God's word with the world, our 10:30 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.

PASTOR ON CALL after hours at **843-901-9977**. During business hours, speak with someone in the office if you learn a member is hospitalized. Pastors and member volunteers visit area hospitals regularly.

Go to www.mppc.net for a complete list of staff and officers.



Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

LIFE AT MPPC

Check your Enews for links and/or our website for more details at mppc.net

- **REFORMING AND REFRAMING**, a conversation about the reorganization of our Session, Staff, and Diaconate, will be held at 7 p.m. on September 4th. Please make every effort to join us!
- **WORSHIP**
 - Next week, September 8th, we will resume our normal school-year schedule of 3 worship times. Worship times will be 8:15, 9:45, and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages will be at 9:45 a.m., while the Net alternative worship service and some adult Sunday School options will be available at 11:15. Join us for Rally Day to kick off the Sunday School year!
 - Anyone interested in hearing about the next steps for the **NET ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE** are invited to come to the Net worship area at the end of worship today. We will address plans for moving forward with this valuable part of MPPC's worship life.
- **YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF**—for both Middle and High School youth is tonight from 5 - 7 p.m. For more information, contact Courtney Kraus or Dan Wiard.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEW STUDY FOR 2019-2020** is called "*Love Carved in Stone - A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*". If you are not already in a Circle, please consider joining one and participating in this enlightening new study. Contact Annie Herring at 843-216-5775 or annieherring@bellsouth.net for information on circle meeting locations and schedules.
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**—Right now we are actively looking for adults to share their faith through teaching and facilitating classes for all ages, children through adult. **We need your help!**
 - **LOGOS TRAINING:** September 14th (at First Scots).
 - **RALLY DAY:** Kick-off to fall programs is Sept. 8th!Contact Dan Wiard (dwiard@mppc.net) for more information.
- **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**—The next AAH pickup event is Saturday, September 7th at 8 am. Church volunteers & scouts from Boy Scout Troop 20 will meet in front of the Fellowship Hall to proceed on their route from Mill St. to the Ravenel Bridge. This is a great community service. For more information contact Elton Carrier (Elton_carrier@att.net), (843-442-1812).
- **WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH** is an 8-week program for anyone who wishes to renew joy in life after the death of loved one who died recently, years ago, or somewhere in-between. It will be held on Sunday evenings September 29th-November 17th. For questions or to register, contact Andi Awkerman, aawkerman@mppc.net, or Lib McGregor Simmons, lmcgregorsimmons@mppc.net.
- **PACESETTERS**—The "Classic King"- Michael Viljac, is returning by popular demand, and will be performing a mix of Golden Oldies from the 50's, 60's and more. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, great fellowship and your favorite music of bygone years on September 13th at 5:45 PM. RSVPs to Doug Mellichamp at douglasmell@me.com or 843-884-4612.
- **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**, a new service for MPPC, will take place on Sunday afternoon, October 6th. Contact Lib McGregor Simmons, lmcgregorsimmons@mppc.net, if you are interested in serving on the planning team.
- The **SEARCH COMMITTEES FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** is meeting regularly and they have received a few resumes. Current church members may apply. Please feel free to send suggestions for Presbyterian High School Youth Leaders who might be a good fit to Trish Hutchison or Will Whitsett; suggestions for Children's Ministry to Amy Herndon.
- **HOPE HOUSE ADOPT-A-DAY (September)**—*In Honor Of...* 1st—our 49th wedding anniversary given by Greg & Judy McCoy; 2nd—Cheryl de Holl's birthday given by Mark & Jennifer Davidson.