



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023 • 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Built on a Rock
Adult Bell Choir

Arr. H. Dean Wagner

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering • Anne Ostrom

INTROIT

Ubi Caritas

Victor C. Johnson

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Let us worship.

All: Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth, and give us undivided hearts to revere Your name.

One: We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, and we will glorify Your name forever.

All: For Your love is great towards us; ...You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

*HYMN #693

Though I May Speak

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we come with hesitant steps and uncertain motives to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated, and uncover the ways we have strayed from Your truth. Expose the empty and barren places where we don't allow you to enter. Reveal our half-hearted struggles where we have been indifferent to the suffering of others. Nurture the faint stirrings of new life, where your spirit has begun to grow. Let your healing light transform us into the image of Your Son. For You alone can bring new life and make us whole.

*JESUS' WORD OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Harrison Banks Smith Jr (Banks), child of Cindy Oliva & Harrison Smith*

BAPTISM HYMN #486

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.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lynn Wiard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3
Julie Stephenson

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING & SERMON

"Faith, Hope, Love: Christian Life in Three Dimensions"

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Manfred Brauch

ANTHEM

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing. Who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street. Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid. He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak, that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till, they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly. To never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise Him all ye who live, who've been given so much and can so little give. Our frail lisping praise God will never despise. He sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

*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. Amen

OFFERING

We are grateful for your gifts that support the mission and ministry of the Body of Christ. Please visit onrealm.org/mppc/give/now to give online.

OFFERTORY

Fantasy on "Kingsfold"
Adult Bell Choir

Arr. H. Dean Wagner

*DOXOLOGY #606

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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Christ, We do All Adore Thee

Dubois

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D minor
Jo Hethcox, Organist

Pachelbel

OUR PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Danie DeBeer
Interim Pastor

Rev. Bart Edwards
Associate Pastor for Missions

OUR STAFF

Lori Baney
MPPC Learning Center Director

Alanna Barrett
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Director of Finance

Stacy Hanling
Director of Daily Operations

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Director of Hope House

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Dan Wiard
Director of Christian Education

Lynn Wiard
Director of Children's Ministry

Alexis Wright-Singleton
Receptionist

SESSION & DIACONATE

A list of our session members and deacons can be found at mppc.net/about. Find session documents and more information at mppc.net/our-session.

CHILDCARE

Childcare for children (infant through pre-K) is available for all worship and education times. Wiggle Bags are available for children who remain in worship in the Narthex during the 11 a.m. service.

WHERE TO GO:

Nursery (Nursery Room)
2/3s (SB 102)
4s (SB 103)
K-1st Grade (GH 220)
2nd-3rd Grade (GH 220)
4th-5th Grade (GH 220)

HEARING DEVICES

Available in the narthex.

PASTOR ON CALL

After hours: 843-901-9977.

FIRST AID

In case of an emergency, please call 911. AEDs (defibrillators) are located around MPPC in the narthex, in the front office, outside Fellowship Hall 2, and in the lobby of Grace Hall.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by **Brian & Lauren Collie**, to the glory of God and in celebration of their daughter, Evelyn Collie, on her third birthday.

ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE

MARCH 1

In Honor of the Net Band; Given by Jody and Tracy Bishop

MARCH 2

In Honor and Support of the Hope House; Given by the Griffith Family

MARCH 5

Happy Belated Birthday to Marcus Dee Googer; Given by Marc, Angela, Austin and Dylan Googer

MARCH 9

In Honor of Hope House; Given by Charlene Miller

MARCH 11

In Honor of Brooks and Beckett Buganski; Given by Melissa Buganski

MARCH 13

In Honor of Hope House: Given by Kathryn Deleot

MARCH 14

In Honor and Support of Hope House; Given by God's Goods of Mt. Pleasant

MARCH 16

In Honor of Hope House; Given by Becky Neuhaus

MARCH 19

In Honor of Kathy Dodd on her birthday; Given by her daughter and granddaughter, Kathryn and Barre Deleot

MARCH 20

In loving memory of Jan Hart, a wonderful friend and devoted Hope House volunteer for many years; Given by the Hope House Ministry Team

MARCH 22

In Honor of Angi Case for her dedication and generosity to Hope House; Given by the Hope House Ministry Team

MARCH 24

In Appreciation of Ralph Wetherall and God's Goods for their generous support of Hope House; Given by the Hope House Ministry Team

MARCH 26

In Memory of Margaret Stiepel for her love and support of Hope House; Given by Hope House Ministry Team

Hope House is funded by member donations, guest contributions, and community grants. It costs approximately \$50/day to operate Hope House. You can support our mission by "adopting" a day at Hope House; visit mppc.net/hope-house to make a donation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19, 5:00 PM
Missional Planning Team
 (Grace Hall)

March 25, 9:00 AM
Walk for Water
 (Riverfront Park)

March 25, 7:00 AM
**Red Balloon Yard Sale
 to Support Nadia**
 (Providence Baptist Church)

March 27, 12:00 PM
**Third Act: Birds of
 Prey Presentation**
 (Fellowship Hall)

See more online at
mppc.net/events!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• MPPC's **Third Act presents "Birds of Prey"** program and covered dish lunch on **Monday, March 27 at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Presented by the Center for Birds of Prey (CBP), this special program will offer participants the unique opportunity to experience close encounters with some of the earth's most powerful and majestic predators; the raptors. **Third Act: Celebrating, Utilizing, and Enhancing the Gift of Aging** is a ministry of MPPC for older adults. If you would like to attend this special program, we invite you to signup through Realm or by contacting Dan Wiard or Trish Snead in the church office. Bring a covered dish, enjoy some side dishes others are sharing and great fellowship, and learn through the "Birds of Prey" presentation.

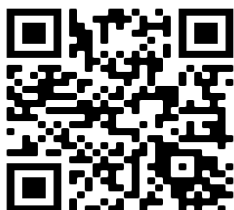
• **Homebound Meals on Wheels** recipients are isolated and often feel lonely and forgotten. Congregation members, including children, are encouraged to lift the spirit of these folks by preparing homemade or purchased Easter cards and including their own message of love and support. Finished cards need to be

delivered to the specially marked box at the receptionist's desk in the church office no later than **Tuesday, April 4**, for delivery by ECMOW drivers prior to Easter. Address cards: "Dear Meals on Wheels Friend." Thank you!

• **The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering** has funded more than 200 major mission projects that continue to impact people in the United States and around the world. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, PW's commitment to improving the lives of women and children has not. The 2023 offering grant recipients are Making Miracles Gorup Home in Tallahassee, Florida and Berhane Yesus Elementary School in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia. You can donate online through Realm, being sure to select the appropriate fund from the drop-down menu or you can write a check to the church and write "Birthday Offering" in the memo line.

GIVING & FINANCIALS

Visit onrealm.org/mppc/give/now to give online or scan the QR code below. Please reach out to Finance Director Glenn Hair with any questions.



	YTD	WE 3/12/23
Total Giving & Other Revenue	\$ 372,987	\$ 57,037
Total Expenses	\$ 356,970	\$ 13,701
Operating Cash Balance at 3/12/23	\$153,535	
Thank you for your generous support of God's Kingdom work & the mission of MPPC.		

I'M NEW!

Thank you for your presence today, worship is such a special time and we are glad you chose to spend that time with us! If you would like to learn more about MPPC, join our community or get involved outside of worship, here are a few suggested next steps:

- Visit mppc.net/new to find the answers to your most frequently asked questions. (You can find information about our new member classes there as well).
- Read our monthly newsletter, *The Pelican*, at mppc.net/newsletter or subscribe to our weekly enewsletter at mppc.net/sign-up-for-updates.
- Follow our Facebook and Instagram (@mtpleasantpres).
- Check out some of our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at mppc.net/events or mppc.net/volunteer.
- Stop by and say hi! Whether its during the week or after worship, our pastors, staff and members would love to meet you and show you around MPPC. Our office is open Monday-Thursday from 9-5 and on Fridays from 9-1.
- Call us at 843-884-4612.