



# MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 18, 2024 • 8:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Lift Up Your Heads*

Graham Kendrick

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

LAMB • Caroline Feller

## OPENING SONG

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Obediah Chisholm & William Marion Runyan

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, we confess that we are often neither merciful nor gracious toward neighbors or strangers. We claim Jesus as Lord, but do not do as he did. Instead, we are quick to judge others and slow to listen. We allow fear and resentment to distance us from people whose culture or beliefs differ from ours. Show us, merciful God, how to be like Jesus, seeking the welfare of persons unfairly seen as unworthy and unwanted. Deliver us, O God, from self-interest that hardens our hearts and closes our minds. As we make our Lenten journey, change us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lynn Wiard

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 34:4b-8 • Stephanie Jones*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING & SERMON

*"Wild Beasts, Angels, and the Steadfast Love of God"*

*Mark 1:9-13*

Rev. Dr. Sally A. Brown

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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.*

*Apostles' Creed*

## 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](https://onrealm.org/mppc/give/now) to give online.*

## OFFERTORY

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Words & Music by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston and Salomon Ligthelm

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER / PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*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.*

## CLOSING SONG

*Follow You*

Leeland Mooring, Jack Mooring, and Ed Cash

## BENEDICTION

*MPPC welcomes guest preacher Rev. Dr. Sally A. Brown, who spent 18 years in pastoral ministry before beginning her "second" career as a seminary professor. Today, Dr Brown resides in West Chester, PA. She continues to preach and teach in area churches in southeastern PA, and is invited, on occasion, to lecture via Zoom in the US and abroad.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27, 9:50AM  
**Third Act: Int'l African American Museum**  
 (Meet at MPPC)

March 1, 7:00PM  
**Village Concert Series**  
 (Fellowship Hall)

March 2 - 23  
**Rakes on Wheels**  
 (Contact Jim at inghamsc@hotmail.com to volunteer)

See more online at [mppc.net/events!](http://mppc.net/events!)

## CHILDCARE

Childcare for children (infant through Pre-K) is available for all worship and education times. (SB 110); older children will be divided into appropriate rooms). Wiggle Bags are available for children who remain in worship.

## 9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer four adult Sunday School classes throughout the school year. Three of those are beginning their Lenten study that will carry them through Palm Sunday. The Middle (GH 226) and the Youngish Adult Classes will be using the Church-wide Lenten study: "Meeting Jesus at the Table." Connect 3 (Parlor, 9:30am) will be looking at the Lenten study "Finding Jesus in the Psalms." Our fourth class, the Academy of St. John (SB 206, 9:15am), welcomes Dr. Manfred Brauch again as they look at "Christian Ethics."

## FIRST AID

In case of an emergency, please call 911. AEDs (defibrillators) are located outside Fellowship Hall 2.

## PASTOR ON CALL

After hours: 843-901-9977.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As nominating begins the process of selecting 2024-2027 **elders and deacons** for MPPC, please prayerfully consider persons who could contribute to our church. Nominate them at [mppc.net/nominations](http://mppc.net/nominations) or call Ellen Gower at (864)430-2626.

- If you would like to share a prayer request, consider writing it on our new **prayer board!** You can find it in the Fellowship Hall on an easel near the water fountain. Prayer requests can also be submitted online at [mppc.net/prayer-requests](http://mppc.net/prayer-requests)

- Our monthly **Third Act gathering** will be switching up slightly for February, and we will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month instead of the 4th Monday. We will be taking a short bus trip to downtown Charleston to the International African American Museum on Tuesday, February 27th. We will meet at church at 9:50 am, the bus will leave at 10 am, and the tickets

are reserved for 10:30 am. The cost is \$14 each for Seniors, please pay online when registering on Realm. Tickets are limited, reserve your seat now. If unable to access Realm, call Alexis at the church office.

- "**Rakes on Wheels**" from our congregation will roll once again during March to help homebound seniors needing assistance with their spring yard cleanup. All able MPPC members, families (incl. young children), and groups are asked to pick a day between March 2-23 to volunteer for two hours to assist our neighbors who are unable and lacking resources to do this task themselves. Coordinators will provide everything: rakes, bags, and on-scene guidance. Contact Jim Ingham at [inghamsc@hotmail.com](mailto:inghamsc@hotmail.com) or Alexis in the church office (843-884-4612) with the date that you wish to volunteer.

# ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE

## FEBRUARY 14

In Honor of Hope House; Given by Chip and Lindsay Bruorton

## FEBRUARY 15

In Honor of Hope House; Given by Beth Fondren

## FEBRUARY 15

In Memory of Lily Brint; Given by Rachel Isaac

## FEBRUARY 16

In Memory of Brenda Craig; Given by Carrie Thompson

## FEBRUARY 17

In Memory of Laura Caroon Jones; Given by Carrie Thompsons

## FEBRUARY 18

In Honor of Tyler Davidson; Given by the Davidson Family

## FEBRUARY 19

In Honor of Hope House; Given by the Griffith Family

## FEBRUARY 19

In Honor of Eagle Scout Connor Neal, on his 18th birthday; Given by Troop 20

## FEBRUARY 20

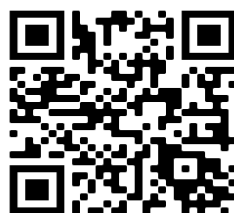
In Memory of Brenda Craig; Given by Marcus and Sue Googer

## FEBRUARY 21

In Memory of Laura Caroon Jones, Mother of Becky Neuhaus; Given by Sara Stewart

# GIVING & FINANCIALS

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	YTD	WE 2/11/24
Total Giving & Other Revenue	\$ 319,545	\$ 79,193
Total Expenses	\$ 251,002	\$ 59,536
Operating Cash Balance at 2/11/24	\$206,008	
Thank you for your generous support of God's Kingdom work & the mission of MPPC.		