



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A community of faith where all are welcomed and encouraged to
actively live out God's love with energy, compassion and joy*

November 10, 2024 • 8:30 & 11 AM
25th Sunday after Pentecost

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

I Love You Lord (8:30)

Laurie Klein

Prelude in C Minor (11:00)

J.S. Bach • Grace Casey, guest pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bart W. Edwards
Thank You, Veterans!

INTROIT (11:00)

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Arr. Ralph M. Johnson • Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Suzy Edwards

One: Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD,

All: For God keeps faith with us forever.

One: Praise God, who brings justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: We will praise the One who lifts up all who bear heavy burdens.

One: God will reign in mercy and righteousness for all generations.

All: Let us praise the LORD with our lips and honor God with our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

How Great Thou Art (8:30)

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

I'll Praise My Maker (11:00)

Hymn #806

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to share signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love with one another.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 146

Stephanie Jones (8:30), Ellen Gower (11:00)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

We welcome the children to come forward singing "What Does the Lord Require of You" *What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.* Following the Children's Message at 11, children that have completed PreK3-K may go to Kids Praise. Children 1st grade and older are invited to remain in the Sanctuary. There is also a staffed nursery in GH.

ANTHEM (11:00)

When the Poor Ones

Arr. David M. Cherwien

Chancel Choir, Lauren Houston and Gregg Miller, guitar

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share; when the wounded offer others, strength and healing:

We see God, here by our side, walking our way; We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation; when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost; when we choose love, not the hatred all around us. We see God, here by our side, walking our way; We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness; when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth; when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: We see God, here by our side, walking our way; We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings; when the nations work to change war into peace; when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: We see God, here by our side, walking our way; We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

SECOND READING & SERMON

Mark 12:38-44 • Rev. Bart W. Edwards

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed • Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

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.

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. 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

Another in The Fire (8:30)

Chris Davenport & Joel Houston

Sarabande (11:00)

E. Grieg

OUR PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin
Abdnour
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Rev. Bart W. Edwards
Associate Pastor for Missions

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

PASTOR ON CALL

After hours: 843-901-9977.

SANCTUARY WIFI

Network & Password:
MPPC Sanctuary

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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 DEDICATION

*HYMN

Take My Life

Hymn #697

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)

Amen

Schubert

POSTLUDE (11:00)

Fantasia in D minor

G. Telemann

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Children & Childcare

Children's Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. in the Seabrook Building every Sunday: 3K-4K (SB 102), K-1st (203), 2nd-3rd (204) and 4-5th (205).

Childcare for children (infant through Pre-K) is available for all worship and education times in the Nursery. Kids Praise takes place every Sunday of the month (except the first Sunday)! It is a worship experience for children preschool-kindergarten. Pick up is in Grace Hall 122.

Children's activities, Bibles and Bible story books are provided for children at the back of the Sanctuary on both sides and in the balcony.

Youth

Middle School Sunday School will meet in the Basement at 9:45 a.m. High School Sunday School will meet on the porch of Grace Hall at 9:45 a.m. This is a location change! There will be treats!

Adults

Academy of St. John (SB 206, 9:30 AM)
Connect 3 (Parlor, 9:30 AM)
The Middle (GH 226, 9:45 AM)
Youngish Adults (GH 221/23/225, 9:45 AM)
Bible for Everyone (SB 210, 9:45 AM)

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Lucy and Hack on their second birthday from Beverly and Len Hutchison.

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.

HEARING DEVICES

Available in the narthex (11:00)

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know is in need pastoral care, please inform the office at 843-884-4612 so that we can have a pastor visit or reach out in times of difficulty.

ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE

NOVEMBER 5

In Honor of Hope House; Given by the Trivedi Family

NOVEMBER 7

In Honor of Hope House; Given by Al and Alice Jenkins

NOVEMBER 6

In Honor of Mary Sims deHoll's 11th Birthday; Given by The Davidson Family

NOVEMBER 10

In Honor of Jennifer (Mimi) Davidson on her birthday; Given by The Davidson and deHoll Families

NOVEMBER 6

In Loving Memory of Virginia Gilliam on her birthday; Given by Mike and Julie Stephenson

Visit mppc.net/hope-house for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 10, 9:45 a.m.

Pre-Baptism Class
(Conference Room)

Mon., Nov. 11, 1-6 p.m.

Blood Drive
(Fellowship Hall)

Thur., Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Village Concert
(Sanctuary)

Sun., Nov. 17

**Women's Retreat
Deadline**

Sun., Dec. 1, 4:30 p.m.

Advent Workshop
(MPPC)

Mon., Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Third Act
(Mepkin Abbey)

Sat., Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m.

**Your Brains Sets the
Bar** (Fellowship Hall)

See more details at
mppc.net/events!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

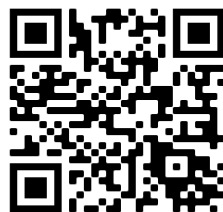
- Pianist Kevin Ayesh has presented concerts and master classes throughout the United States (he has performed in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia), as well as in Canada, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and Hong Kong. As a North Carolina Visiting Artist for four years, he appeared before thousands across that state, performing as many as 50 recitals in a season. Ayesh will be performing a program of audience favorites, including Beethoven's Pathetique Sonata and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, for the **Village Concert Series** on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This concert is free and open to the public.
- Please considering donating blood during our **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Monday, Nov. 11 from 1-6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Visit redcrossblood.org and in the top right corner enter sponsor code MPPC to register.
- In a one week, **registration for the 2025 Women's Retreat** will close on Nov. 17! That means NOW is the time to make sure you are signed up at mppc.net/event/womens-retreat. The retreat will be held January 24-26 at West Beach Conference Center on Kiawah. The cost is \$195. There is also a Saturday only rate of \$140 which includes breakfast and lunch.
- Today is our next **Grocery Bag Sunday to benefit ECCO**. Please plan to pick up a grocery bag on your way out of church today and return items for donation to the church by Sunday, Nov. 17. Thank you in advance for anything you can give to this wonderful organization that helps so many in our community who are struggling to meet their basic needs.

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your Estimate of
Giving for 2025.
Thank you!



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 11/3/24
Total Giving & Other Revenue	\$ 1,859,351	\$ 38,276
Total Expenses	\$ 1,943,642	\$ 41,520
Operating Cash Balance including below transfer at 11/3/24		\$55,734
Transferred from Temporarily Restricted to Operations (ERTC)		\$130,263

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, 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 quarterly 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.