



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 17, 2024 • 8:30 & 11 AM

26th Sunday after Pentecost

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

*Sanctuary (8:30)
Cornet Voluntary (11:00)*

Randy Scruggs and John Thompson
William Walond • Lee Kohlenberg, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour
Advent Workshop • Glenna Durbin & Suzy Edwards

INTROIT (11:00)

God is Here!

Arr. Fred Green • Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenna Durbin

One: Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign,

All: let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.

One: Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or carry more questions than answers,

All: let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness (8:30 & 11:00)

Hymn #39

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bart W. Edwards

*SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*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 16 • McRae Hogan (8:30), Gregg Miller (11:00)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

CONGREGATION WELCOMES THE CHILDREN

Please sing "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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

Following the children's message at 11, PreK-K age children can go to Kids Praise. Parents, please walk children to GH to sign them in and pick up after worship.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Keep Your Lamps

Arr. André Thomas

Chancel Choir, Alex Cash, percussion

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary, children, don't get weary, children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done. Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

SECOND READING & SERMON

Mark 13:1-8 • Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The 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.

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

In Christ Alone (8:30)

Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

Thou Sittest at the Right Hand (11:00)

Francois Couperin

OUR PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin
Abdnour
Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Bart W. Edwards
Associate Pastor for Missions

OUR STAFF

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SESSION & DIACONATE

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

You Are My Vision (8:30)

Rend Collective

Fight the Good Fight (11:00)

Hymn #846

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)

Amen

Schubert

POSTLUDE (11:00)

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Alexander Guilmant

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.

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

Consider placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of an event, at mppc.net/sanctuary-flowers.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Please visit onrealm.org/mppc/AddPledge/2025 or scan the QR to the right to submit your Estimate of Giving for 2025.

Thank you!



ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE

NOVEMBER 18
In Memory of James H Fleming; Given by the Hope House Team

NOVEMBER 20
In Memory of James Henry Davidson; Given by The Davidson Family

NOVEMBER 21
In Honor of James Fleming, with love from Jane and Joey Clarke

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Brain Sets the Bar
(Fellowship Hall)

Sun., Dec. 15,
8:30 & 11 a.m.

Christmas Cantata

Sun., Dec. 15, 12 p.m.

Gingerbread Houses
(Fellowship Hall)

Wed., Dec. 18, 7 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service
(Sanctuary)

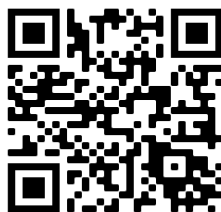
See more details at
mppc.net/events!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join your MPPC family on Sunday, Dec. 1 as we **kick off the season of Advent!** The evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a short worship service in the Sanctuary, followed by Advent wreath making in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. Our wreaths will be made with fresh greenery. Everyone is encouraged to bring a variety of fresh cuttings or items from nature (pinecones, berries on a stem) from your yard to share. We will also serve dinner during this time, and the MPPC youth will be hosting a pie auction fundraiser.
- **Registration for the 2025 Women's Retreat** closes today, Nov. 17! 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. Sign up at mppc.net/event/womens-retreat.
- There will be **no Pacesetters** gathering in December. The Pacesetters Family wishes one and all a great holiday season. See everyone in January!
- **Third Act:** Mark your calendars and reserve a place to attend this wonderful event during the Advent season, the 2024 Crèche Festival - "Nativity in Glass and Under Glass." We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 2 to travel to Mepkin Abbey, after the tour and time in the gift shop, we will travel to a restaurant in Moncks Corner to have lunch together. There is no charge for the Crèche Festival but you will be responsible for the cost of your meal. Register at mppc.net/events.
- MPPC Presbyterian Women will be **collecting women's underwear** for the yearly Christmas ministry for the women in the Leeds Avenue Detention Center. Circles are asked to participate by donating a packet of women's white, regular, cotton briefs, any size, so we get a variety of sizes for the Christmas collection. We will have plastic bins in the Fellowship Hall and the office and will collect donations until Dec. 13.

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 11/10/24
Total Giving & Other Revenue	\$ 1,915,568	\$ 56,217
Total Expenses	\$ 1,985,546	\$ 41,904
Operating Cash Balance including below transfer at 11/10/24		\$69,751
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.