



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 9, 2025 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

Schubert • Dr. Shenwei Geng, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour
Women's Retreat

INTROIT

Come to the Table of Grace (vs. 5)

Come to the table of joy.

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This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 98:4-6, Ellen Creed Branham

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

ALL: **Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

ONE: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

ALL: **Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises! Come, let us worship the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

Hymn #276

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING *Job 19:23-27a* • Stephanie Jones (8:30), Gregg Miller (11:00)

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!"

*Please stand as you are able. • Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

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

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

ANTHEM (11:00)

Joy in the Morning

Natie Sleeth • Chancel Choir

There'll be joy in the morning on that day, there'll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day. There'll be peace and contentment evermore, there'll be peace and contentment evermore, every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

SECOND READING & SERMON

Luke 20:27-38 • Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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 or scan the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Ariosio

J.S.Bach

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

The Strife is O'er

Hymn #236

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)

May the Love of the Lord

Swee Hong Lim

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

J. Krebs

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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.

COME TO THE TABLE: MULTIPLYING GOD'S GIFTS

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted your annual pledge for 2026! Your faithful generosity makes it possible for Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church to continue inviting others to Come to the Table—to be nourished by grace, to share stories of faith, and to extend God's hospitality in our community and beyond.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, there's still room at the table! Every gift—large or small—helps us plan for the year ahead with confidence and joy.

Consecration Sunday is November 16th, and we invite all who intend to participate in the annual pledge campaign to submit their pledges on or before that day. Together, we are setting the table for a new year of ministry,

mission, and hope. Come—there's a place for you.

Pledges can be submitted online at onrealm.org/mppc/AddPledge/2026 (or by scanning the QR code) or by filling out a physical pledge card. You can: mail the card to Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Attn: Finance Dept., 302 Hibben St Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, drop it off at the church during office hours or place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.



Want to see how your pledges last year made an impact? Check out the 2024-2025 Impact Report at mppc.net/our-session!

9:45 A.M. FAITH FORMATION

Children & Nursery

Children's Sunday School is in the Seabrook Building every Sunday: 3K-4K (SB 122), K-1st (207), 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 GH 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 meets in the Basement.
High School meets in SB 210.

Adults

Academy of St. John (SB 206)
Connect 3 (Parlor)
The Middle (GH 226)
Youngish Adults (GH 221/23/225)

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.

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

Please grab a grocery bag on the way out of worship today and return them Sunday, Nov. 16. These donations will be given to our partners at East Cooper Community Outreach to distribute to those in our community in need of food assistance.

ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE

NOVEMBER 4
In Gratitude to Hope House for our stay; given by Peter and Francisca Clements

NOVEMBER 5
In Gratitude to the kind and generous volunteers and supporters of Hope House; given by Beth Moore

NOVEMBER 6
In Loving Memory of Virginia Gilliam on her 30th birthday; given by Mike and Julie Stephenson

NOVEMBER 9
In Honor of all Military Veterans; given by Bill and Pamela Marsh

NOVEMBER 10
In Honor of Hope House; given by Becky Reynolds

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays through Nov. 19
Wonderful Wednesdays:
W@W, Handbells, Dinner,
Adult Speaker Series,
Podcast Club, Choir
(MPPC)

Fri., Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m.
Pacesetters
(Fellowship Hall)

Sun., Nov. 16
Consecration Sunday
(MPPC)

Mon., Nov. 17
Women's Retreat
Registration Deadline

Sun., Nov. 30, 4:30-7 p.m.
Advent: Gather 'Round
(MPPC)

Sun., Dec. 7, 11 a.m.
Gingerbread Houses
(Fellowship Hall)

Sun., Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m.
Village Concert Series
(Sanctuary)

See more details and
register at
mppc.net/events!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today, please join us for an **informational meeting** today in GH 123 at 9 a.m. MPPC will be participating in a 115 km religious **pilgrimage walk** to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, for 8 days / 7 nights on the world famous Camino on September 29 – October 6, 2026. Contact Theresa Reed for more info, at theresareed2000@gmail.com.
- Today, the session has called a **congregational meeting** following the 11:00 a.m. service for the purpose of amending the terms of call for Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour.
- **The topic for the Wonderful Wednesdays Adult Speaker Series**, on Wed., Nov. 12 is "Child abuse is a Grown-up Problem: Special edition for grandparents and other adults." This is presented by Beverly Hutchinson, Anna Shaw of Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center. Join us in the FH at 6:30 p.m. **Dinner** for all will be pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese, collards, signature salad and pie.
- Registration for the **2026 Women's Retreat** is open until Nov. 17. Join over one hundred women to renew your spirit, bond, and have fun! Find more details and register at mppc.net/event/womens-retreat-2026.
- **Pacesetters** will be exploring updates to the early history of our church on Friday, Nov. 14 from 5:30-8 p.m. Huger McClellan, Director of the Village Museum in McClellanville, will update us on Old Wappetaw Cemetery, the America 250 celebrations, and will salute our veterans. Huger has deep ties to the area and has inspired extensive research on it. This is a timely event as all are also invited to the **Old Wappetaw Cemetery Service** on Sunday, Nov. 16. Please RSVP Susan Mellichamp at susanmell@mac.com or text 843-697-2111 by the end of the day on Nov. 10.
- The **MPPC Cancer Support Group** has long supported persons and families as they make the cancer journey. Meetings are held in the parlor on the fourth Thursday of each month from September to May and they often include presentations by MUSC or Roper doctors in this field. We invite all who are interested to join us. If you would like more information, feel free to contact Bill Breen at jwbreen@comcast.net. *November's meeting will be the 3rd Thursday instead of the 4th*
- Join us for **Advent: Gather 'Round** on Sunday, Nov. 30 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.! There will be Advent resources available for all ages. All are encouraged to attend and bring cuttings of fresh greenery from your yard for advent wreath making. The following is the schedule for Sunday: 4:30 Worship in Sanctuary, 5:00 Advent Wreath Making in Fellowship Hall, 5:30 Dinner, 6:00 Pie Auction (Youth Fundraiser). We hope to see you all there as we begin our Advent season!
- **Women's Underwear Drive for Leeds Avenue Detention Center:** White, regular, cotton briefs in any size (suggested that you buy your size to get variety of sizes). Bins are located in Fellowship Hall and Office area. **Please donate by December 14 so they can be delivered to Westminster Presbyterian Church by December 15.

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:

- Join us Sundays during the Education Hour at 9:45 or for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall!
- Visit mppc.net/new to find the answers to your most frequently asked questions. (You can find info about new member classes there as well).
- Read our quarterly newsletter, *The Pelican*, at mppc.net/newsletter or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter 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 8:30-5 and on Fridays from 8:30-1.
- Call us at **843-884-4612**.