



# 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*

**January 4, 2026 • 9:00 AM Breakfast Church**

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

*As we gather around the tables, those who wish to enjoy breakfast are warmly invited to fix a plate. Remember, whenever we break bread together, the Risen Christ is in our midst. May we come together to taste and see that the Lord is good!*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suzy Edwards

### SONG OF PRAISE

*We Three Kings*

Hymn #151

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.	Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!	2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. [Refrain]	3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. [Refrain]	4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]	5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice: Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]
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### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**All: Praise the Creator of the sun and moon and shining stars!**

One: Give praise, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

**All: Give praise, hills and mountains.**

One: All people together, let us praise the name of the Lord and declare God's glory in heaven and on earth.

**All: Let us worship God!**

### OPENING PRAYER AND THE 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.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*What Child is This?*

Hymn #145

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!	2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!	3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!
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### CONGREGATION WELCOMES THE CHILDREN & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

## INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL ACT

Communion, Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### OFFERING

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## SENDING WITH THE WORD

### SENDING SONG

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

Hymn #150

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.	2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.	3 As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.	4 Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.
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### CHARGE AND BLESSING

As you leave worship today, you are invited to receive an Epiphany Star Word. The words are a gift for reflection- enjoy pondering and wondering how God might speak to you through them. Let the word choose you and carry it with you as a prayerful companion in the year ahead.

### FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES | 9:45-10:45

#### Children & Nursery

Children's Sunday School is in the Seabrook Building every Sunday: 3K-4K (GH 122), K-1st (SB 207), 2nd-3rd (SB 204) and 4-5th (SB 205).

Childcare for children (infant through Pre-K) is available for all worship and education times in the Nursery.

Children's activities, Bibles and Bible story books are provided for children in the Fellowship Hall entrance.

#### Youth

Middle School Sunday School meets in the Basement, High School Sunday School meets in SB 210.

#### Adults

Academy of St. John (SB 206)

Connect 3 (Parlor)

\*The Middle (GH 226)

\*Youngish Adults (GH 221)

\*Bible 4 Everyone (GH 123)

\*Young Adults (GH 224)

\*Not meeting today.

### I'M NEW!

#### Ways to Get Connected

Join us during the Sunday Education Hour at 9:45 a.m.

Visit [mppc.net/new](https://mppc.net/new) to find the answers to your most frequently asked questions.

Read our quarterly newsletter, *The Pelican*, at [mppc.net/newsletter](https://mppc.net/newsletter) or subscribe to our weekly enews at [mppc.net/sign-up-for-updates](https://mppc.net/sign-up-for-updates).

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Our office is open Monday-Thurs-  
day from 8:30-5 and on Fridays  
from 8:30-1.

Call us at 843-884-4612.

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