



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

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]

Hymn #151

5 Glorious now
behold him arise,
King and God and
Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through
the earth and
skies. [Refrain]

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

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!

What Child is This?

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!

Hymn #145

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!

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

Suzy Edwards

LITURGICAL ACT

Communion, Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abd'nour

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
to guide, where no clouds thy
glory hide.

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 to find the answers to your most frequently asked questions.

Read our quarterly newsletter, *The Pelican*, at mppc.net/newsletter or subscribe to our weekly enews at mppc.net/sign-up-for-updates.

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

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