



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

December 21, 2025 • 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!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenna Durbin

INTROIT AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

DeStefano Family

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne. ("Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Glory to God, #82)

ONE: Children of God, what are we waiting for?

ALL: We wait for love that casts out fear, love that heals what hatred has torn, love that binds neighbor to neighbor and stranger to friend. We wait for love embodied in Christ, a love fierce, tender and eternal.

ALL: O God of steadfast love, you came to us in a manger, not with force but in vulnerability. You call us to love as you love... boldly, sacrificially, without condition. Teach us to embody your love in word and deed, until the world knows we belong to you.

ONE: Today we light four candles, their brightness stretches across shadows. Hope, peace and joy blaze together, and now love joins the dance of light.

ALL: This love is not shallow or fleeting, but deep enough to embrace all creation.

ONE: Hear the testimony of Scripture: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).

ALL: We thank you for your endless, boundless love. Make us vessels of compassion, bearers of mercy, protectors of grace. Come, Lord Jesus, and make love our witness.

ONE: We call this candle Hope. (Light the first candle.) We call this candle Peace. (Light the second candle.) We call this candle Joy. (Light the third candle.) We call this candle Love. (Light the fourth candle.)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:2, 6-7

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 26-35; 38, Madeline Capps

SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains, and
the mountains in reply echoing their
joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why
your joyous strains prolong? What
the gladsome tidings be which inspire
your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him
whose birth the angels sing; come,
adore on bended knee Christ, the
Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-16, Rachel Spach

SONG

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

LITURGICAL ACT

Jesse Tree: Nativity Ornament

OFFERING

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SONG

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

O Come All Ye Faithful

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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)

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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Check out some of our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at mppc.net/events or mppc.net/volunteer.

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

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