



# 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 7, 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!*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

### INTROIT AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Collie Family

**Joy to those who long to see thee Day-spring from on high, appear. Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth, we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth; "Go to him your praises bringing Christ the Lord has come to earth!"** ("Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Glory to God, #82, vs. 2)

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

**ALL: We wait for peace where conflict rages, for gentleness where harshness prevails. We wait for swords to be reshaped into plows, for walls to crumble and bridges to rise. We wait, longing for the Prince of Peace, who stills our storms and guides our feet.**

ONE: Today we light two candles, their light steady and sure against the dark. Hope burns beside peace, witnessing to God's enduring promises.

**ALL: The glow spreads wider each week, reminding us that peace is possible, and God's kin-dom is drawing near.**

ONE: We call this candle Hope. (Light the first candle.) We call this candle Peace. (Light the second candle.) Together they shine as signs of God's faithfulness.

**ALL: O God of still waters and quiet strength, we confess how often our lives are restless. Our hearts race, our hands grasp, our voices quicken with fear. Yet you breathe calm into chaos; you steady our steps on uneven ground. Grant us your peace, O Christ, not as the world gives, but as you alone provide.**

ONE: Hear the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors" (Luke 2:14).

**ALL: We long for your peace to flow like water, quenching our thirst. Teach us to live as peacemakers, agents of your reconciling love. Come, Lord Jesus, and make peace our way.**

### 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.

### SONG OF PRAISE

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry*

Hymn #96

1 On Jordan's bank the  
Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is  
nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he  
brings  
glad tidings of the King of  
kings!

2 Then cleansed be every  
life from sin;  
make straight the way for  
God within,  
and let us all our hearts  
prepare  
for Christ to come and enter  
there.

3 We hail you as our Savior,  
Lord,  
our refuge and our great  
reward;  
without your grace we  
waste away  
like flowers that wither and  
decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand;  
our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no  
more.  
O let your face upon us  
shine  
and fill the world with love  
divine.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

### CONGREGATION WELCOMES THE CHILDREN & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*A Christmas Lullaby* - Jane Linder  
MPPC Children's Choir

### INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD

Jesse Tree Symbols

### LITURGICAL ACT

Communion

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### OFFERING

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### SENDING WITH THE WORD

#### SENDING SONG

*While We are Waiting, Come*

Hymn #92

1 While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.	Refrain: Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.	2 With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come. (Refrain)	3 Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come. (Refrain)
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### 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](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-Thursday from 8:30-5 and on Fridays from 8:30-1.

Call us at 843-884-4612.

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