



# 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*

March 1, 2026 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Second Sunday of Lent

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### PRELUDE

*Adagio*

Bach • Dr. Shenwei Geng, organist

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

### INTROIT (11:00)

*To the Hills I Lift My Eyes*

Song Lee - Chancel Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**All: The sun shall not strike by day, nor the moon by night.**

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

**All: Let us worship God, our helper and keeper.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN

*Let All Things Now Living*

Hymn #37

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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 #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a • Rob Crowder (11:00)

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.*

## 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

There is no Kids Praise this Sunday. The nursery is available in Grace Hall for children birth through age three during worship.

## SECOND READING & SERMON

John 3:1-17 • Jim Deavor

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## 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](http://onrealm.org/mppc/give/now) to give online or scan the QR.



## OFFERTORY

*It Is Well with My Soul (8:30)*

Arr. J. Eklund

*My Song is Love Unknown (11:00)*

Molly Ijames, Chancel Choir

## \*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*The Sacrament is open to all who desire to draw close to Jesus Christ and who seek to share in this meal as a sign of that commitment and desire. Gluten-free wafers are available, they are located in the center cup of the juice tray.*

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## \*HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymn #12

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Dubois

## POSTLUDE

*Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Bach

## OUR PASTORS

**Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin  
Abdnour**  
*Senior Pastor & Head of Staff*

## OUR STAFF

**Jill Adams**  
*Children's Ministry Assistant*

**Ellen Creed Branham**  
*Commissioned Pastor for  
Adult Education*

**Jill Chapin**  
*Executive Assistant to the Pastor*

**Glenna Durbin**  
*Director of Youth Ministry*

**Suzu Edwards**  
*Director of Christian Education*

**Logan Prochaska Garabato**  
*Director of Communications*

**Dr. Shenwei Geng**  
*Organist*

**Glenn Hair**  
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**Stacy Hanling**  
*Director of Daily Operations*

**Lauren Houston**  
*Music Ministry Assistant*

**Beth Moore**  
*Director of Hope House*

**Tony Sane**  
*Director of Music Ministries*

**Lindsey Skinner**  
*Director of the Learning Center*

**Trish Snead**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Alexis Wright-Singleton**  
*Receptionist*

## SESSION & DIACONATE

A list of our session members and deacons can be found at [mppc.net/about](http://mppc.net/about). Find session documents and more at [mppc.net/our-session](http://mppc.net/our-session).

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Join us on **Wonderful Wednesdays, Jan. 28, 2026 – March 18, 2026:**

- W@W for children starts at 5.
- Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the FH.
  - Dinner is pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruit salad and dessert.
- Pastor-led Adult Bible Study will meet in the Parlor at 6.
  - We will be discussing John 4:5-42.

## FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS

**9:45-10:45**

### Children & Nursery

Children's Sunday School is in the Seabrook Building every Sunday: 3K-4K (GH 122), K-1st (207), 2nd (204), 3rd (208) 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)  
Bible 4 Everyone (GH 123)  
Connect 3 (Parlor)  
The Middle (GH 226)  
NextGen (formerly Young Adults) (GH 224)  
Youngish Adults (GH 221)

## FLOWERS:

Consider placing flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of an event, at [mppc.net/sanctuary-flowers](http://mppc.net/sanctuary-flowers).

## SANCTUARY WIFI

Network & Password:  
*MPPC Sanctuary*

## 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.

## HEARING DEVICES

Available in the narthex

## ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE

### FEBRUARY 16

In Honor of Hope House; given by Walt and Kackle Martin

### FEBRUARY 20

In Honor of Past and Present MPPC pastors; given by Robert Hervey

### FEBRUARY 26

In Memory of Roger Barnes; given by Hugh and Kelley Myrick

### FEBRUARY 17

In Honor of Hope House; given by Ben and Trish Black

### FEBRUARY 21

In Honor of Jenny Thompson, Our Sister in Christ; given by Nancy Lewis

### FEBRUARY 27

In Memory of Roger Barnes; given by Livie Myrick

### FEBRUARY 18

In Memory of Brenda Craig; given by Kathryn Deleot

### FEBRUARY 23

In Honor of Hope House; given by J. Henry Stuhr, LLC Funeral Directors

### FEBRUARY 28

In Memory of Roger Barnes; given by Griffin Myrick

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Tues., Feb. 24-Mar. 24*  
**Lenten Soup Suppers**  
(All Saints Lutheran)

*March 7-22*  
**Rakes on Wheels**  
(See announcement)

*Sun., Mar. 8, 9:45 a.m.*  
**Inquirers Class**  
(SB 208)

*Sat., Mar. 21, 9 a.m.*  
**Walk for Water**  
(Riverfront Park)

*Fri., Mar. 27, 7 p.m.*  
**Village Concert Series**  
(Sanctuary)

*Sun., Mar. 29*  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
(Regular Worship Schedule)

*Sun., Mar. 29, 10 am-1pm*  
**Easter Fair**  
(Grace Hall & Playground)

*See more details  
and register at  
[mppc.net/events/](http://mppc.net/events/)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Taste of Community: Lenten Soup Suppers & Worship:** Each Tuesday in Lent, from Feb. 24 to Mar. 24, we will gather at All Saints Lutheran Church in Mt Pleasant for an evening of fellowship and reflection. Share a simple, delicious soup supper with friends and neighbors from across the East Cooper area starting at 6:30 p.m. Then, join us from 7-7:30 p.m. for a service of word and song to nourish your soul during this Lenten season. **The MPPC Choir will be singing on Mar. 17.**
- The **Monthly Men's Breakfast** will be the "Men's Lenten Small Group" on March 6 and April 3. Rather than meeting at Page's, we will meet in the Parlor at 7 a.m. for a small group discussion. For more information, contact Freeman Milligan ([fhmiligandesign@gmail.com](mailto:fhmiligandesign@gmail.com)). Breakfast will resume at Page's on April 10.
- **Pacesetters** will not be meeting in March, stay tuned for April information!
- Our next **Inquirers Class** will be held on Sunday, March 8. Participants will meet in person at 9:45 a.m. in SB 208. This class is open to anyone in the community who is interested in learning more about MPPC. There is no pressure to join the church, although we would love to have you! Pastors, Elders and other church leaders will talk about life at MPPC and answer any questions you may have. Please spread the word and ask any friends and neighbors who may be considering our church home to contact Dale Conrad with any questions. Register at [mppc.net/new](http://mppc.net/new).
- Millions of women and children walk over three miles daily to collect water. The Water Mission Walk for Water event in Charleston simulates this trek and lets you help bring safe water and God's love to 14,000 people in need as we raise \$700,000 together. The MPPC team will be joining with our neighbors for the 20th Annual **Walk for Water** on March 21 at 9 a.m. at Riverfront Park. Register or donate at [walkforwater.rallybound.org/2026-walk-for-water/MPPC](http://walkforwater.rallybound.org/2026-walk-for-water/MPPC).
- Join us in the Sanctuary on Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. for a free concert featuring the Grace McNally Trio, presented by the **Village Concert Series!** The Grace McNally Trio, crosses genres and cultures with their arrangements, original music and interpretations of classical repertoire, jazz standards and Latin American folk songs. Featuring Grace McNally on guitar, Jonathan Lovett on keys/bass and Gino Castillo on vocals/percussion their concerts have been described as captivating and imaginative, as audiences journey through the rich cultural landscapes of West Africa and the Americas.
- Come and gather with friends and families for our **Easter Fair** on March 29! We will have Holy Week and Easter activities. Picnic style lunch will be provided. We will gather on the playground and on the first floor of Grace Hall. All are invited - no registration necessary! We will start at 10 a.m. to accommodate families who choose to worship early and continue until 1 p.m. to include families with children who worship at 11 a.m.

## 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](http://mppc.net/new) to find the answers to your most frequently asked questions. (You can find info about the inquirers classes there as well).
- Read our quarterly newsletter, *The Pelican*, at [mppc.net/newsletter](http://mppc.net/newsletter) or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at [mppc.net/sign-up-for-updates](http://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](http://mppc.net/events) or [mppc.net/volunteer](http://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**.