



# 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 15, 2026 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### PRELUDE

*Take My Life (8:30)*  
*Take Up Your Cross (11:00)*

Arr. R. Kingsmore • Dr. Shenwei Geng, organist  
Arr. Kurt Meyer • Handbell Choir

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour  
Moment of Gratitude, Stewardship Committee

### INTROIT (11:00)

*Beautiful Savior*

Joseph Seiss, Chancel Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellen Creed Branham

One: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see you as you see! Once we lived in darkness, but now-

**All: as children of light we are called to what is good and right and true.**

One: Jesus, Light of the World,

**All: give us eyes to see as you see!**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn #39

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. 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.***

#### PSALTER READING

*Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

*John 9:1-12 • Rob Crowder (11:00)*

*As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as*

*I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”*

## 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

Following the children’s message at 11, PreK-K age children can go to Kids Praise. Parents, please walk children to Grace Hall to sign them in and pick up after worship.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

*Charlie Anne Baldree, child of Todd and Sally Baldree*

## BAPTISM HYMN (8:30)

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (Hymn #486)*

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

## ANTHEM (11:00)

*Prelude on THAXTED*

Arr. Michael Helman, Handbell Choir

## SECOND READING & SERMON

*John 9:13-41 • Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

## 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

*Meditation (8:30)  
Canticle of Peace (11:00)*

P. Page  
Karen Buckwalter, Handbell 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

## \*HYMN

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Hymn #32

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Dubois

## POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

J. Dixon

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## OUR PASTORS

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

## OUR STAFF

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

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*Commissioned Pastor for  
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*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).

# LENT & EASTER AT MPPC

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 AM: Sanctuary  
9 AM: Breakfast Church  
11 AM: Sanctuary + Live Stream  
10 AM-1 PM: Drop In Easter Fair

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 PM: Sanctuary  
Service of Communion ending in  
silence with the stripping of the  
chancel.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY

12 PM: Sanctuary Service  
11 AM-2 PM: Self guided Stations of  
the Cross around the MPPC Campus

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5: EASTER SUNDAY

8 AM, 9:30 AM & 11 AM:  
Services in the Sanctuary  
with Choir & Brass  
Overflow in the Fellowship Hall  
for all services, Livestream at 11 AM

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT [MPPC.NET/EVENTS](http://MPPC.NET/EVENTS).

## FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS

9:45-10:45 A.M.

### 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 Grace Hall.

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 (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, sign up at [mppc.net/sanctuary-flowers](http://mppc.net/sanctuary-flowers) or in the reception area.

## 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

### MARCH 9

In Honor of Hope House; given by  
Charlene Miller

### MARCH 11

In Memory of Mike Seabrook, Jr., on his  
100th birthday; given by Mickey and  
Theresa Seabrook

### MARCH 11

In Honor of Brooks and Beckett  
Buganski; given by Melissa Buganski

### MARCH 11

In Memory of Mike Seabrook, Jr., on his  
100th birthday, given by Mary Bell

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

*Mon., Mar. 23, 12 p.m.*  
**Third Act**  
(Fellowship Hall)

*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)

*Thur., Apr. 2, 7 p.m.*  
**Maundy Thursday**  
(Sanctuary)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us on **Wonderful Wednesdays**:
  - W@W for children starts at 5.
  - Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the FH. Dinner is sloppy joes, french fries, salad and dessert
  - Pastor-led Adult Bible Study will meet in the Parlor at 6.
- **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.**
- 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).
- **Third Act: AI, Cybercrime, Identify Theft and Scams** on Mon., Mar. 23, 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Frank Abagnale, of "Catch Me If You Can" fame, will present a fraud prevention program at Third Act luncheon March 23. Mr. Abagnale is a living legend in the field of fraud detection and prevention.
- His presentation will provide practical advice about protecting assets and personal information as well as protecting children. Don't miss this event. Bring a covered dish of your choice and register at [mppc.net/events](http://mppc.net/events) or contact Susan Mellichamp: [susanmell@mac.com](mailto:susanmell@mac.com) or 843-697-2111.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Maundy Thursday**: We will gather in worship around word and sacrament on Thursday, Apr. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will end in silence with the stripping of the chancel, a practice dating from the seventh century and originally serving the practical purpose of cleaning the sanctuary in preparation for Easter, when all things are made new.

## 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**.