

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 31, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day
Trinity Sunday
Senior Sunday

WELCOME TO

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

This morning is Trinity Sunday on the church's liturgical calendar. Unlike other festivals, Trinity Sunday focuses on a doctrine of the church rather than an event. The earliest evidence of celebration of a Trinity feast dates from the early eleventh century, and it gained official standing in 1334. Although every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God, we pay particular attention this morning to the mystery of God's being as a Holy Trinity. The prayers and hymns lift adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

We also acknowledge and celebrate with the 2026 Senior Class as they are now high school graduates. Their futures are bright and we ask God's blessing to be upon them in the next phase of their life's journey. May they always know they have been created in the image and love of God, and that they always have a family of faith at MPPC.

*Grace and Peace,
Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour*

IF YOU'RE NEW:

Thank you for your presence today, worship is 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:

- Visit mppc.net/new to find the answers to your most frequently asked questions. (You can find information about our new member classes there as well).
- Read our quarterly newsletter, *The Pelican*, at mppc.net/newsletter or subscribe to our weekly newsletter at mppc.net/sign-up-for-updates.
- Check out some of our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at mppc.net/events or mppc.net/volunteer.
- Call us at 843-884-4612.

GIVING:

We glorify God by expressing our gratitude through giving of our time, talents and treasures. Together, we steward God's blessings to create opportunities for love and mercy to be experienced in our community and around the world. Please visit onrealm.org/mppc/give/now to give online or scan the QR code.



CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

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. Childcare for children (infant through Pre-K) is available for all worship and education times in the Nursery (SB 110).

FIRST AID:

In case of an emergency, please call 911. AEDs (defibrillators) are located in the narthex, the front office, the lobby of GH, and outside FH 2.

HEARING DEVICES:

Available in the Narthex.

10 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE *Les Barricades Mystérieuses* François Couperin, Dr. Shenwei Geng

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

INTROIT *Holy, Holy, Holy* Franz Schubert, Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Ps. 8, Glenna Durbin

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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OPENING PRAYER

†**HYMN** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymn #20

†**CALL TO CONFESSION** Malachi Abdnour

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God of all creation, from chaos and darkness, you spoke the world into being, and declared it good. You brought forth creatures of every kind, but it was humans that you created in your image. To humans, you gave both the privilege and responsibility of caring for the goodness of your creation. Forgive our shortsightedness and carelessness, which too often casts the earth back into chaos and darkness. Through your Holy Spirit, open wide our hearts and hands, directing our daily choices that we may be empowered to set aside our vain desires. Triune God, in your mercy, heal us, teach us, and redeem us. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to share signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love with one another.)

†GLORIA PATRI #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & RESPONSIVE FIRST READING

Gen. 1:1-2:4a,
Whitney Limbert & Amelia Warner

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Giles Ann Davidson, daughter of Mary Lake and Tyler Davidson

BAPTISM HYMN

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.*

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

Recognition of the 2026 Senior Class

The nursery is available in Grace Hall for children birth through age three during worship.

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord (from Judas Maccabeus)

G.F. Handel

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise his name for evermore. Shout, sing, and dance and celebrate; Rejoice, let all now praise his holy name. Shout, sing, and alleluia. Praise his name for evermore..

SECOND READING & SERMON

Matthew 28:16-20, Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

†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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ellen Creed Branham

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.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Aria

J.S. Bach

†DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Hymn #757

†BENEDICTION

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Franz Schubert

POSTLUDE

Fanfare Rondeau

Mouret

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

WORSHIP NOTES:

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The flowers today are giving to the Glory of God and in honor of Giles Ann Davidson's baptism with love from all her family.

PASTORAL CONCERN?

Please share any pastoral care concerns — such as hospitalizations, life changes, or other needs — by emailing (jchapin@mppc.net) or calling Jill Chapin or by reaching out directly to a member of the pastoral staff. For after-hours emergencies, please call the Pastor-on-Call line at 843-901-9977.

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 or in the reception area.

ADOPT A DAY AT HOPE HOUSE:

In Honor of my parents, Paul and Camille Fisher, on their 45th wedding anniversary given by Alexandra Muller for May 29

SESSION & DIACONATE:

A list of our session members and deacons can be found at mppc.net/about. Find session documents and more at mppc.net/our-session.

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LIFE AT MPPC

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMUNION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, June 7, we will celebrate the sacrament of communion during worship.

BEAUTIFUL, BROKEN, BELOVED: A SERMON SERIES: As Christians, we are called to neither idolize nor despise our nation. Instead, we practice faithful citizenship under the lordship of Jesus Christ. As we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, we will consider early texts that shaped our civic identity and ideals, alongside Scripture. As we move toward this momentous milestone, may we tell the truth about who we are as a nation—beautiful, broken, beloved. Our nation’s foundation includes beautiful aspirations, our common life is broken in many ways, and yet we remain beloved by God. God calls every people, in every nation, toward justice, mercy, repentance, and hope. This sermon series will take place June 7 through July 5. It is inspired by the work of faith250 which invites clergy and community leaders from multiple faiths to consider the meaning and blessing of our country’s founding.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING: On Tues., June 2, Child Protection Training for Summer Volunteers will take place in GH 123 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT: On Wednesday, June 3, MPPC Youth Ministry will have a movie night in the basement from 6-8 p.m. Snacks will be provided, bring your friends! No sign up needed.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Join us this summer for Lemonade on the Lawn on June 7. Linger after worship and enjoy refreshments on the side lawn outside the Sanctuary. Lemonade will be provided and served by the Christian Education ministry as we celebrate the “wrap” of a fun and meaningful program year and express appreciation for the work of the many volunteers who made it possible!

LITURGIST TRAINING CLASS: Pastor Nicole would love to have greater diversity of voices leading our Sunday morning worship — not just reading Scripture but participating in other elements of the service too. Training will take place in GH 123 on Sun., June 7, at 9 a.m. and June 14, at 11 a.m. All ages are welcome! Please email jchapin@mppc.net to sign up.

HYMNS ON TAP: The MPPC Music Ministry invites the church and community to a night full of singing & refreshments at Crafty Draught on Sun., June 14 from 4-6 p.m. All ages are invited to join us as we sing some of our favorite songs, as well as a few new ones, and enjoy fellowship together! Reach out to Tony with questions at tsane@mppc.net. (Food & drink not provided by the church).

INQUIRERS CLASS: Our next Inquirers Class will be held on Sun., June 14. Participants will meet in person at 11 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! Register at mppc.net/events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUN., MAY 31

10 AM: Senior Sunday, Sanctuary

TUES., JUNE 2

6:30 PM: Child Protection Training, GH 123

WED., JUNE 3

6 PM: Youth Movie Night, Basement

SUN., JUNE 7

9 AM: Liturgist Training Class, GH 123

11 AM: Lemonade on the Lawn, Sanctuary Lawn

SUN., JUNE 14

11 AM: Inquirers Class, Seabrook 208

11 AM: Liturgist Training Class, GH 123

4 PM: Hymns on Tap, Crafty Draught

JUNE 22-26

9 AM-12 PM: Vacation Bible School

MON., JUNE 29

1-6 PM: Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

See more details and register at mppc.net/events!



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