MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

All Saints Vespers Service of Remembrance

This vespers service will commemorate those who have departed from us, giving thanks to God for those we continue to grieve. The liturgy is centered around the music of Elaine Hagenberg, Paul Manz, Mark Miller, and a portion of “Requiem for the Living” a concert work by Dan Forrest. In the medieval church, the Requiem mass offered repose for the departed. In modern times, the words of the mass are often set to music, which we will experience today.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Elegy* Hubert Parry, Dr. Shenwei Geng

WELCOME Rev. Jon Frost

INTROIT *Requiem Aeternam (from Requiem for the Living)* Dan Forrest
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Hear my prayer, for unto Thee all flesh shall come.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Then the Lord said: It is finished!

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.

†HYMN *Healer of Our Every Ill* Hymn #795

†CONFESSION AND PARDON Brandon Guest

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and dies in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promise in Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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† *Please stand as you are able.* • ***Bold*** *text is spoken in unison.* • *Please turn off your cell phones or place them on silent.*

ANTHEM *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins.
Who loved us all and shed his blood, that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God.
Who was and is and is, and is to come, sing Holy, Holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon.
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more,
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

SECOND READING *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

†HYMN *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)* Hymn #803

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS Sue Verner

ANTHEM *My Song in the Night* Elaine Hagenberg

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, My comfort by day, and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, a stranger from Thee, Or cry in the desert, thy face to see?
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *I Believe* Arr. Mark Miller, Lauren Houston soloist

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining;
I believe in love even when feeling it not;
I believe in God even when he is silent.

Following the service, you are invited to remain in the Sanctuary to pray.
If you'd like a Stephen Minister to pray with you, you may go to the narthex.

If you, or someone you know, may benefit from speaking with a Stephen Minister, please email Donna Thigpen (843-345-6221, donnathigpen@hotmail.com) or Brandon Guest (843-830-4840, BLGuest60@gmail.com).

LIFE AT MPPC

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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COME TO THE TABLE - PULL UP A CHAIR: Before stewardship is about what we give, it's about what we've been given: a place at a table we didn't set, prepared by a host who delights in our company. If you feel called to submit a pledge for 2027, please so do at ***onrealm.org/mppc/AddPledge/2027*** or scan the QR code. You can also fill out a physical card and: mail the card to *Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Attn: Roxanne Glover, 302 Hibben St Mount Pleasant, SC 29464*, drop it off at the church during office hours or place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. If you have never pledged before, we invite you to do so! Our Stewardship Committee has set a goal of welcoming 100 new pledgers this year. Will you pull up a chair?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER: Everyone is invited to join us for Wonderful Wednesday dinners at 5:30 p.m. in the FH! Dinner will be a taco bar, rice, salad and dessert.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the Men's Ministry for their monthly men's breakfast meeting at Page's Okra Grill on First Fridays at 7 a.m.

PACESETTERS: Our own Robbie Royall and his friends return on Friday, Nov. 13 with an evening of Country, Bluegrass, and Gospel. Doors to the Fellowship Hall will open at 5:30, followed by a catered meal at 6 p.m., and then the program at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to at susanmell@att.net or (843) 697-2111 by the end of the day on Monday, Nov. 9. Dinner is a Thanksgiving feast, $20/ person, collected at the door.

BAPTISM CLASS: If you are considering baptism for your child, we invite you to join Pastor Nicole for a class on Sunday, November 15th at 9:45 a.m. in SB 208, We will explore the promises made and the responsibilities entailed with this holy and sacred moment. If you're able to attend, please let us know by emailing Jill Chapin at jchapin@mppc.net.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. FROST: All are invited to the Installation of Rev. Jon Frost as Associate Pastor of MPPC on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: The time has come to sign up for our Annual Women's Retreat in February! We have a really great weekend in Kiawah planned for you and we hope you will join us on Feb. 5-7. Our guest speaker is Lolimarta "Loli" Reiter, who has been the pastor at Presbyterian Church of Seffner (FL) for 18 years, and she is also a friend of Nicole's! We can't wait for this wonderful weekend with you all! Sign up and learn more on Realm or at ***mppc.net/events*** (click on the month of February).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

WED., NOV. 4: WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
5:00-6:00 PM: W@W
5:30-6:30 PM: All Church Dinner
6:30-7:30 PM: Middle School Youth Group
7:30-8:30 PM: High School Youth Group

FRI., NOV. 6
7 AM: Men's Breakfast, Page's Okra Grill

SUN., NOV. 8
ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday Pick Up After Worship

FRI., NOV. 13
5:30 PM: Pacesetters, Fellowship Hall

SUN., NOV. 15
9:45 AM: Baptism Class, SB 208
4 PM: Service of Installation for Rev. Frost, Sanctuary

SUN., NOV. 29
4:30 PM: Advent: Gather 'Round, MPPC Campus

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