



Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church



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First Reading — Jeremiah 18:1-11

At the Potter's House

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.” ³So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.”¹

¹“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’

Gospel Reading — Luke 14: 25-33

The Cost of Being a Disciple

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.’

³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Prelude - Prepare your hearts to worship God.

The Praise!

*Call to Worship

Scott Holden

O Lord, You have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down, and when I rise up;

You discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path in my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,

You know it all together.

Let us praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise

"O Worship the King"

#73

Children's Time

Sharing of Community Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ron McDougald

The Offering!

*The Doxology

The Word!

*Prayer of Illumination: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Gary Bryant

*Hymn of Preparation

"Change My Heart, O God"

(TFWS) #2152

*Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 25-33

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

#880

Sermon

"Cracked Pots & Leaky Vessels"

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Communion Hymn

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

(TFWS) #2264

Holy Communion

The Sending Forth!

*Choral Benediction

"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

#557

*Please stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your attendance in the black fellowship folder at the end of each pew.

Today's Communion Offering will be for CASA.

Worship Committee will meet directly after this morning's service.

Sassy Saints Luncheon & Fellowship is planned for Thursday, Sept, 18th; location to TBD.

Pastor- Parish Relations (PPR) Committee will meet Sunday, Sept, 21st immediately following worship in the Adult Sunday School Room.

Family Ministry invites all to attend a Brunch/ Wedding Shower for Alexis Meyers, bride-elect of Anthony Baricev on Sept. 28th after the morning service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for refreshments. Bridal Registry: theknot.com, Belk, Dillard's, Amazon & Hillyer House.

Email Prayer Chain- To join our email prayer chain or share a prayer request, please email Diane Ferrer- ldferrer@bellsouth.net

Connect Online- We're excited to bring our ministry to everyone in a fresh and accessible way. Our mission is to spread God's love, inspire faith and build a vibrant online community:

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The Church-wide Study *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist* continues! Videos for the prior weeks' studies are on the YouTube channel; study guides are available at the church. Please join us for Group Study each Wednesday at 10:30; this week's reading & questions:

God's Infinite Attributes & Divine Providence,

Creation & Human Beings

Pages 13-18/ Questions 4-6

PrayerList:

Ongoing Concerns:

Cleo Taylor, Ronnie Seymour, Billy Robinson, Mary Ward, Larry Hall, Woody VanDevender, Phyllis & Clint Gill, Donna Wittersheim, Aven & Saylee Bryant, Betty Tootle, Bobby Lenardo, Grayson Morse, Debbie Harris, David Davidson, Paige & Mark McDougald, Susie Flurry, Karen & Gene VanWinkle, Mae Gamblin, James Ellis Bertucci, Danielle Weitz, Gaynell Hill, Sara Caldwell, Melissa Odell, Jasper Pryor, Emma & Rickey Sharp, John Russell. Andrew Russell, Rosemary Meador, Trooper Tavon Moore, Nancy Riggins, Gwen Ellis, Jason Dewey, Katherine O'Brien, Donna Wells, Diane Upton, Martha Richardson, Carl Wyatt, Teresa Davis, Bruce Nevels, Billy Sanders, Doris Hand, Holly Heppner, Jerry Evans, Robbie Fant.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

Alicia Green, Hal Galloway, Wanda Hart, Windy Taylor, DeeDee Cain, Mary Smith, Tom Cameron, Roy Green, Danny Hunter, August Borden, Jason Dewey, Grayson Colvin, Sera Buras, Damon Mullikin, Marie Tanner, those affected by the Minnesota School Shooting, Campmeeting, all traveling.

Our Nation: Leaders & Country

Our Military:

Wesley Savage. Brey Richmond, Jacob Ferrer, Hunter LaVann, Elizabeth Willis, Cody Bean, Clayton Demoran, Justin Shoemake, Chris Phifer, Nate Collins, Joseph Jackson, James Bell, Clay LeBatard, Austin Gill, Logan Grandstaff, Luke Self.

Happening this Week

- Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday morning at 10:30.
- Ladies Come and Go Prayer Wednesday at 9:00 am.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30.
- Wednesday Night Together begins at 5:00 with a potluck dinner at 5:15. Children's Time and Adult Bible Study meet 6:00-7:00.
- Sunday School for adults and children meet every Sunday at 8:15 am and Worship at 9:30 am.

Coming Soon!

- Sassy Saints Luncheon, Thursday, 9/18; location TBD.
- PPR Committee meeting Sunday, 9/21 after Worship.
- Meyers/ Baricev Brunch Bridal Shower Sunday, 9/28 after Worship.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

