



Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church



September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Our Purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ;
Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly,
Witness Boldly!**

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First Reading—1 Timothy 2:1-7

Instructions on Worship

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Gospel Reading — Luke 16:1-13

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'⁶ " 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied." The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Prelude - Prepare your hearts to worship God.

The Praise!

*Call to Worship— from Psalm 113

Scott Holden

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,

Praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

From this time forth and for evermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The name of the Lord is to be praised!

*Hymn of Praise “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#139

*The Baptismal Covenant

#39

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

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Bruce Nevels

*Hymn of Preparation

“*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

#881

Sermon

“Wandering and Squandering”

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Closing Hymn

“Freely, Freely”

#389

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.

Prints of the Church Painting by Diane Ferrer are still available; please contact Beverly Evans if interested, 228-326-7932.

Pastor– Parish Relations (PPR) Committee will meet today 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 next Sunday, 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.

****NEW WEBSITE!** Please help us make our new website fresh, Interesting and up-to-date by submitting information and your photos from Church activities to Thom Thetford or Kristi.

Keep up with what's happening at
<https://www.mtpleasantgmc.org>

Please join us for the Church-wide Study *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist*. Videos from 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:

Jesus Christ, The Son of God

Pages 25-28/ Questions 7-9

Lectionary Readings for September 28th

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

PrayerList:

Ongoing Concerns:

Cleo Taylor, Ronnie & Diane Seymour, Billy Robinson, Mary Ward, Larry Hall, Woody VanDevender, Phyllis & Clint Gill, Donna Wittersheim, Aven & Saylee Bryant, Betty Tootle, Bobbby 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, Jennie Johnson.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

Alicia Green, Hal Galloway, Wanda Hart, Windy Taylor, DeeDee Cain, Mary Smith, Tom Cameron, Roy Green, Danny Hunter, August Borden, Damon Mullikin, Marie Tanner, Kristen Green, Judy Green, Phil Huffman, Annaleigh, Barbara Scott, Alexis & Anthony, Debbie Knowles, Harry Bragg, Danny Hunter, JD Watts Family, Nita Howard, Lynn Boedeker, Angela Vickers, Amy Ellis, Lucille Meadows, Chris Dewey, Charlie Kirk Family, Tyler Robinson & Family, 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 9am.
- 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!

- Meyers/ Baricev Brunch Bridal Shower Sunday, next Sunday 9/28 after Worship.
- Campmeeting at New Prospect Campground, October 11-19th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Marleigh Savell (21)

Lauren Harris (23)

Matt & Ashton Shidler (23)

Philip Kite (24)

Matt Eyring (24)

Cleo Taylor (27)

Drew Williamson (27)