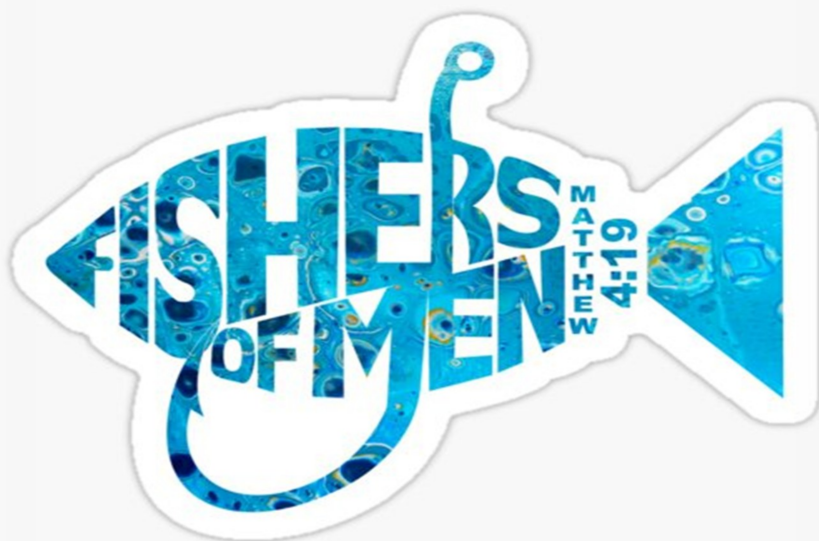


Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome!

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

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First Reading- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Church Divided Over Leaders

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas^[b]"; still another, "I follow Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 4:18-25

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis,^[a] Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Prelude - Prepare your hearts to worship God.

The Praise!

*Call to Worship

Scott Holden

The Lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear?

We seek Your face, O Lord, and wait for Your guidance.

Jesus calls us to follow Him and proclaim His good news.

We come to worship the one who is the light of the world.

Come, let us worship Christ, our Savior and Lord.

We lift our voices in praise and follow Him in faith.

*Hymn of Praise

“The Church’s One Foundation”

#388

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Perian Harrington

*Hymn of Preparation

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

#216

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:18-25

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

#691

Sermon

“Throw Down Your Nets”

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Closing Hymn

“I have Decided to Follow Jesus”

#2129

The Sending Forth!

*Choral Benediction

“Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

#405

**please stand if you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A Love Offering will be collected today to support Ryleigh Yates who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

Pastor/Parish Relations Committee will meet today immediately after Worship.

Communications Committee will meet today immediately after Worship.

Trustees Meeting this evening at 3:30pm.

Missions Committee will have a short meeting next Sunday, February 1st after Worship.

Discipleship Committee will meet February 8th immediately after Worship.

We need your help! Please take a moment to review the prayer request lists and advise of any updates we can make.

The Church Directory is being updated to add our new members; if anyone's contact information has changed or is incorrect, please share your updated information with Cindy Nelson or Kristi.

Women's Bible Study will begin this Tuesday, January 27th-10:30 til noon; *The Gospel on the Ground* by Kristi McLelland is a seven week study ending March 10th. Please let Susan Savage know if you plan to participate. Books can be purchased through Amazon or Lifeway– we hope you join us!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study– *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist* resumes this week; questions 35-36 of the catechism, pages 81-84.

Lectionary Readings for January 18th

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm 15

Prayer List:

Ongoing Concerns:

Sara Poston, Ronnie & Diane Seymour, Billy Robinson, Larry Hall, Woody VanDevender, Phyllis & Clint Gill, Grayson Morse, Donna Wittersheim, Aven & Saylee Bryant, Betty Tootle, Bobby Lenardo, 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, Nancy Riggins, Katherine O'Brien, Diane Upton, Jerry Evans, Martha Richardson, Carl & Liz Wyatt, Teresa Davis, Bruce Nevels, Billy Sanders, Doris Hand, Holly Heppner, Robbie Fant, Jenni Johnson, Matt Mizelle, Joyce Casillos.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

Ryleigh Yates, Ricky Green Family, Leroy Harvey Family, Phillip Walker Family, Jessie, Sandra Cole, Rhonda, Mary Ellen Pryor, Robert Denton, Scott Hawkins, Scott Parker, Carl Duncan, Addie Smith, Missy Bond, Tom Cameron, Hal Galloway, Windy Taylor, Kay Bryant, Linda Holden, Pauline Ward, Jimmy's mother—Lavada, Warren Latham, Christy Clay, Jason Huff, Greg Bilfer, Carson Lott, Lisa Cates, Ronnie Shelby, Nita Green, Bo Cook, The Swifts, Angela Vickers, Wanda Hart, Toddy LeBatard, Annaleigh Sykes, Kaleigh Morton, Ladies Bible Study, Venezuela & its Missionaries, Iran, Greenland.

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, Morgan Foster, Hank Jamison.

Happening this Week

- Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, 10:30am.
- Ladies Come and Go Prayer Wednesday at 9am.
- Adult Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning at 10:30.
- Wednesday Night Together 5pm; dinner at 5:15, Children & Adult Bible Study at 6:00.
- Sunday School for adults and children meets every Sunday at 8:15 am and Worship at 9:30am.

Coming Soon!

- Missions Committee Meeting February 1st after Worship.
- Discipleship Committee Meeting February 8th after Worship.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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