

# Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

*A Global Methodist Church*

*February 22, 2026*

*First Sunday of Lent*



**Welcome!**

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

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## First Reading- Romans 5:12-19

### *The Death-Dealing Sin, the Life-Giving Gift*

<sup>12-14</sup>You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in—first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it.

<sup>15-17</sup>Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! There's no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving gift. The verdict on that one sin was the death sentence; the verdict on the many sins that followed was this wonderful life sentence. If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, absolute life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?

<sup>18-19</sup>Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.

## Gospel Reading- Matthew 4:1-11

### *Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness*

<sup>4</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>5</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>6</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>8</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>9</sup>"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>11</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>12</sup>"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>14</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

# Order of Worship

## The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays Scott Holden  
Prelude - Prepare your hearts to worship God.

## The Praise!

\*Call to Worship Scott Holden

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

**We confess our sins to the Lord and rejoice in His mercy.**

Jesus was led into the wilderness and overcame every temptation.

**We come to follow Him and live by His Word.**

Come, Let us worship the one who offers grace to all.

**We lift our hearts to the Lord, our Savoir and King!**

\*Hymn of Praise “Lead Me to Calvary” #240  
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 Romans 5:12-19 Asa Schmidt

\*Hymn of Preparation “There is a Name” #153

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11 Rev. Ron McDougald

\*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed #693

Sermon “Things We Don’t Know... About Sin” Rev. Ron McDougald

\*Communion Hymn “There is a Fountain” #486

Holy Communion #730

## The Sending Forth!

\*Choral Benediction “Blest 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.

**Finance Committee** will meet today after Worship.

**Worship Committee Meeting** next Sunday, March 1st immediately following Worship.

**Administrative Council Meeting** will be next Sunday, March 1st at 2pm.

**Prayer Opportunity for Men:** If you'd like to be involved in a special prayer time to lift up our Pastor & our worship service just prior to Sunday morning Worship, please contact Woody or Gary Bryant.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**— *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist* this week's question- #39-40 of the catechism- 'pages 124-126 in the study guide. Please join us at 10:30a.m.

*\*\*New Directory Correction: please note that Jimmy & Gwen Ellis' phone numbers are reversed.*

The New Church Directory insert is ready for pick up!

Please take one and replace last year's information in your binder.  
If you are a new member, there are binders on the front pew for you.

\*one per family, please\*

### *Lectionary Readings for January 18th*

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

John 3:1-17

Psalm 121

## 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, 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, Wanda Schloman, Jessie, Melissa Davidson, Ricky Davidson, Keira, Wilson, Dan Wittersheim, Kay Bryant, Damon, Angela & her Aunt Betty, Kristen Green, Laura & Caroline, Savanna, Terri Hart, Frank Sentelle, Ann Walker Family, John Seymour Family, Tony Parnell Family, Sarah Bragg Family, Terry Goss' daughter– Amy & brother– Tim, Marsha Chriswell, Tom Cameron, Hal Galloway, Linda Holden, Pauline Ward, Annaleigh Sykes, Kaleigh Morton, Trustees & the building project.

### 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

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

## Coming Soon!

- Administrative Council Meeting, Sunday, March 1st, 2pm
- Communications Team Meeting, Sunday, March 8th after Worship.
- VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, March 22nd after Worship.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



**Victoria Harrington (24)**

**George & Heather Hudson (24)**