

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church

March 8, 2026

Third 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- Exodus 17:1-7

Water From the Rock

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah^l and Meribah^l because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Gospel Reading- John 4:5-15

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.^l)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Scott Holden

Prelude - Prepare your hearts to worship God.

The Praise!

*Call to Worship

Scott Holden

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.**

Everyone who drinks the water Jesus gives will never thirst.

We come to worship the one who quenches our deepest thirst.

Come, let us worship the loving God.

We lift our hearts to the Lord of living water!

*Hymn of Praise, #47

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

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: Exodus 17:1-7

Cora Schmidt

*Hymn of Preparation, #2025

“As the Deer”

*Gospel Reading: John 4:5-15

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Affirmation of Faith, #693

The Nicene Creed

Sermon: “Cool Stuff”

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Communion Hymn, #241

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

Holy Communion, #730

Susan Savage & Wes Judy, Stewards

The Sending Forth!

*Choral Benediction, #405

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

** Please stand if you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Last Week's Communion Offering for the Home of Grace was \$.

Communications Team Meeting today after Worship.

New Monthly Adult Sunday School Class will begin after Worship next Sunday, March 15th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to discuss recent sermons; classes will continue each 3rd Sunday of the month.

Women's Methodist Missions Circle will meet *next* Monday, March 16th at 10am.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study—*Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist* this week's questions concerning baptism- #41-42 of the catechism- pages 127-130 in the study guide. Please join us at 10:30a.m.

This Week's Lenten Readings

Teachings of Jesus

Sunday, March 8th	John 4:5-42
Monday, March 9th	Matthew 6:1-18
Tuesday, March 10th	Matthew 6:19-34
Wednesday, March 11th	Luke 10:25-37
Thursday, March 12th	Luke 11:1-13
Friday, March 13th	John 6:35-40

Signs of the Kingdom

Saturday, March 14th	Mark 2:1-12
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Lectionary Readings for January 18th

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Psalms 23

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, 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, Martha Brumfield, Gina Lott, Billy Collins, William & family, Haley, Reed & 3 children, Gwen Ellis, Vivian Breazele, Diane Upton Family, Frank Sentelle Family, Vicky Brock Family, Christina Swift, Kay Bryant, Damon, Kristen Green, Terri Hart, Tom Cameron, Hal Galloway, Linda Holden, Pauline Ward, Annaleigh Sykes, Kaleigh Morton, 2026 VBS, 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!

- Monthly Adult Sunday School Class will meet next Sunday after Worship.
- WMMC meeting March 16th, 10am.
- Sassy Saints Luncheon, March 19th; location TBD.
- VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, March 22nd after Worship.
- Easter Lily order forms March 22nd.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bobby Sykes (8)

Ronnie & Diane Seymour (8)

Perian Harrington (11)

Megan Wallace (14)

