

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church

March 22, 2026

Fifth 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 8:6-11

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life ^{11a} because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of ^{11b} his Spirit who lives in you.

Gospel Reading- John 11:1-4; 17-27

The Death of Lazarus

¹Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus

¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was less than two miles^{18a} from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Scott Holden

Prelude - Prepare your hearts to worship God.

The Praise!

*Call to Worship

Scott Holden

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice and be attentive to my prayer.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

We come to worship the one who gives us life eternal.

Come, let us worship the Lord of life and hope.

We lift our hearts to the one who breathes life into dry bones!

*Hymn of Praise, #30

"There is a Redeemer"

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 8:6-11

Asa Schmidt

*Hymn of Preparation, #304

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Gospel Reading: John 11:1-4, 17-27

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Affirmation of Faith, #693

The Nicene Creed

Sermon: "Dead Stuff"

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Communion Hymn, #418

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Holy Communion, #730

Jackie & John Blair, 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.

VBS Planning Meeting today after Worship.

Easter Lily Order form is included in today's program; please complete and return to the collection plate with payment by next Sunday, March 29th.

Children's Easter Program will be Palm Sunday, March 29th. Practice is Wednesdays during Youth/ Children's Activities. There is a sign up sheet for those who would like to volunteer.

Children's/ Youth Easter Egg Hunt, games, and dinner will begin at 5pm on Wednesday, April 1st at the campground.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study— *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist*; this week's question discusses grace - #45 of the catechism- pages 135-137 in the study guide. Please join us at 10:30a.m.

****Holy Week Schedule****

Sunday, March 29th— Palm Sunday Service, 9:30am at MPMC

**Children's Program*

Wednesday, April 1st,- Easter Egg Hunt, 5:00pm

**games & dinner for all ages at the Campground*

Thursday, Apr. 2nd— Maundy Thursday Service, 5-6:30

**Come & Go Prayer and Communion at MPMC*

Friday, Apr. 3rd— Good Friday Service, 6:30pm

**Readers needed! Please see Scott Holden or Pastor Ron*

Sunday, Apr. 5th— Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am

**New Prospect Campground*

- Easter Service, 9:30am at MPMC

**Choir Special & Worship*

This Week's Lenten Readings

The Way of the Cross

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| Sunday, March 22 | John 11:1-45 |
| Monday, March 23 | Mark 8:27-38 |
| Tuesday, March 24 | John 12:20-33 |
| Wednesday, March 25 | Philippians 2:1-11 |
| Thursday, March 26 | Hebrews 5:7-10 |
| Friday, March 27 | Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 |
| Saturday, March 28 | Psalms 22 |

Lectionary Readings for March 29th

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Psalms 31:9-16

Prayer List:

Ongoing Concerns:

Myrna Lynne Baricev, Ryleigh Yates, 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, Gaynell Hill, Sara Caldwell, 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:

Martha Brumfield, Leslie Hathorn, Bobby Cook, Tyler Flint, Eric Pardue, Martha Cook, Justin Shoemaker, Wake Inabinette, Warren Fountain, Addie Smith, Vivian Breazele, Magen, Christina Swift, Kay Bryant, Damon, Tom Cameron, Hal Galloway, Linda Holden, Pauline Ward, Annaleigh Sykes, Kaleigh Morton, 2026 VBS, Trustees & the building project.

Our Nation: Leaders & Country

Our Military:

Gold Star Military Families, 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, Gavin McKerchie.

Happening this Week

- 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.
- Choir Practice- Wednesday, 7pm.
- Sunday School for adults and children meets every Sunday at 8:15 am and Worship at 9:30am.

Coming Soon!

- Palm Sunday Service, Children's Program, March 29th.
- Easter Egg Hunt, games & dinner at the Campground, 5pm- Wed. Apr 1.
- Maundy Thursday Come & Go Prayer and Communion, 5pm to 6:30 Apr. 2nd.
- Good Friday Service, Apr. 3rd. at 6:30 pm.
- Easter Sunrise Service at the Campground, 6:30am.
- MPMC Easter Service & Choir Special at 9:30am.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

