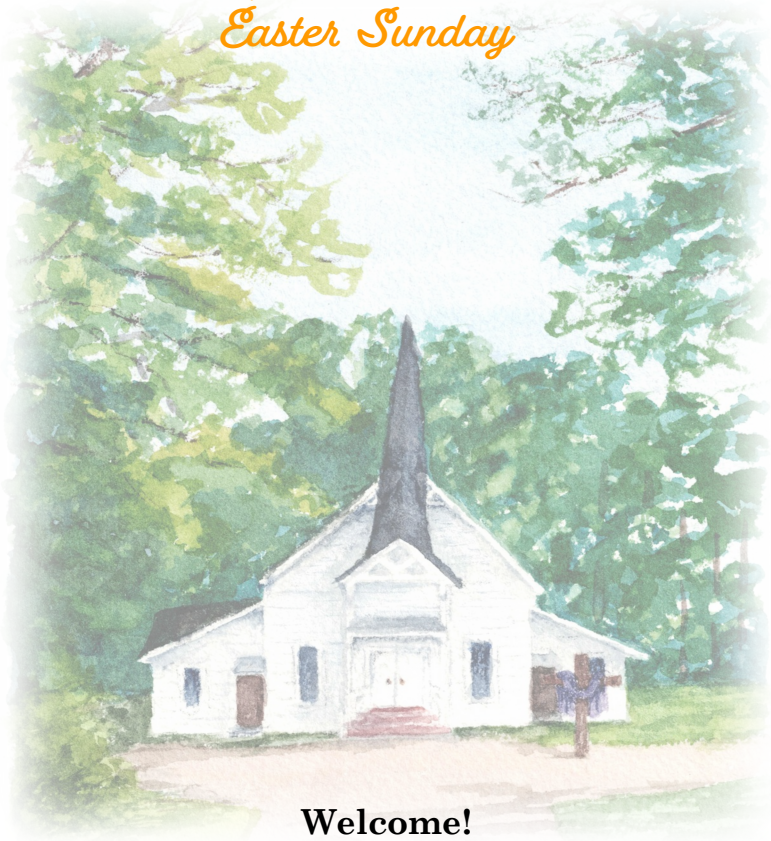


# Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

*A Global Methodist Church*

*April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday*



**Welcome!**

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

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## First Reading- Colossians 3:1-4

### *Living as Those Made Alive in Christ*

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your<sup>d</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## Gospel Reading- John 20:1-18

### *The Empty Tomb*

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

### *Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene*

<sup>11</sup>Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup>They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup>At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

# Order of Worship

## The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Prelude - Choral Call to Worship

“He Arose”

## The Praise!

\*Call to Worship

Scott Holden

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

The stone has been rolled away, and the tomb is empty.

**Death has been defeated, and love has triumphed.**

Come, let us worship the risen Lord.

**Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

\*Hymn of Praise, #252

“Low in the Grave, He Lay”

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: Colossians 3:1-4

Asher Baricev

\*Hymn of Preparation, #268

“He is Lord”

\*Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Rev. Ron McDougald

\*Affirmation of Faith, #691

The Apostle’s Creed

Choir Easter Special

“Jesus Paid it All”

Sermon: “Five Words”

Rev. Ron McDougald

\*Closing Hymn, #257

“He Lives”

## 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.

**Men's Christian Fellowship** & Breakfast this Saturday, April 11th, 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Discipleship Committee Meeting** next Sunday, April 12th after Worship in the Sunday School Room.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**– this week's questions are 46 & 47 in the Catechism; pages 143-149 in the *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist* study guide. Please join us at 10:30a.m.

**A Big Thank You** to all who helped with the Children's program on Palm Sunday and its success as well as all the hands that helped in any way with the Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday. You are all greatly appreciated!



Vacation Bible School at the campground will be an adventure at Rainforest Falls where we will be "*Exploring the Nature of God*" June 1-5.

Registration is now open for kids and volunteers at

<https://vbspro.events/p/campgroundvbs2026>

This QR code will take you right there.

Please call or text Cindy Nelson at 228-219-7729 for assistance or information.



*For more information, pick up a VBS flyer in the vestibule.*

### *Lectionary Readings for March 29th*

Acts 2:14, 22-32

John 20:19-31

1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 16

## Prayer List:

### Ongoing Concerns:

Myrna Lynne Baricev, Ryleigh Yates, Linda Holden, 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, Karen & Gene VanWinkle, Mae Gamblin, James Ellis Bertucci, Gaynell Hill, Sara Caldwell, 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, Jenni Johnson, Matt Mizelle, Joyce Casillos.

### Weekly Prayer Requests:

Mike Jimerson Family & all LEOs, Jasper Pryor Family, Paige McDougald Family, Robbie Fant Family, Rhett Cumbest Family, Martha Cleveland Family, Damon Mullikin, JD Savage, Harry Bragg, Laurie Gollott, Toddy LeBatard, Gary Bryant, Lexie, Lily, Robert V., Ricky Barry, Leslie Hathorn, Aliaha, Susan, Rhonda Hunt, Ember, Jason & baby, Mack McMillan, James Bell, Darren, Erica Pardue, Zetta, Kathy Usry, Darren, Bobby Cook, Wake Inabinette, Donnie Tiblier Family, Keith Jones Family, Kay Bryant, Tom Cameron, Hal Galloway, 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, Gavin McKerchie.

## Happening this Week

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

## Coming Soon!

- Men's Christian Fellowship & Breakfast, Saturday, April 11th at 8am.
- Discipleship Committee Meeting, Sunday, April 12th after Worship in the Sunday School Room.
- Monthly After Worship Adult Sunday School Class will meet Sunday, April 19th.
- WMMC meeting Monday, April 20th.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Nita Howard (10)

Zoey Yates (10)

Beverly Kite (11)

