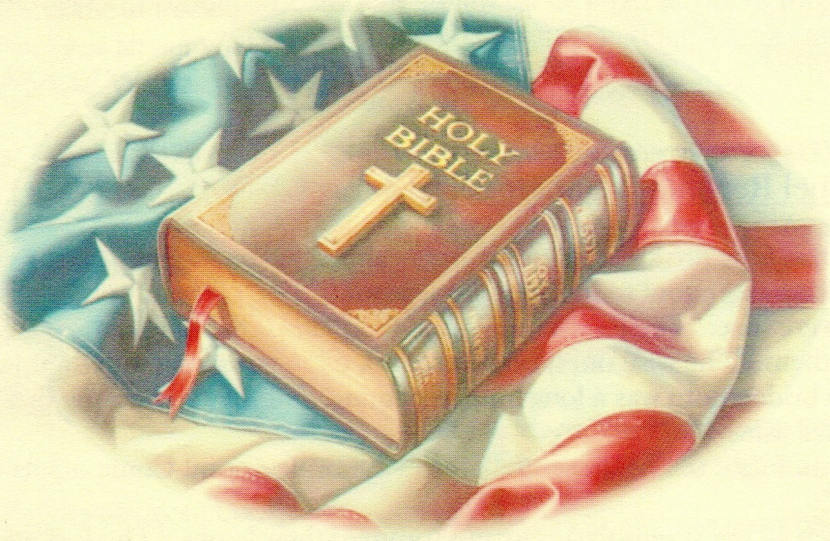
Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church

November 8, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome!

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

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First Reading- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who
sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have
no hope. [14] For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe
that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
[15] According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who
have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven,
with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet
call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still
alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet
the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore
encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their
lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish and
five were wise. [3] The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil
with them. [4] The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.
[5] The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy
and fell asleep.
[6] "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him!'
[7] "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish ones
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
[9] "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead,
go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
[10] "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived.
The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And
the door was shut.
[11] "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for
us!'

[12] "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

[13] "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Prelude

The Praise!

*Call to Worship — Scott Holden

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline
Your ears to the words of my mouth.
We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.
Jesus said, "Keep awake, for you do not know the day or the hour."
We come to worship the one who calls us to be ready and faithful.
Come, let us lift our voices to the Lord of all hope.
Alleluia! We wait and worship with joy!

*Hymn of Praise, #472 — "Onward, Christian Soldier"

Children's Time — Rev. Ron McDougald

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 Thessalonians 4:13-18 — Jim Nelson

Hymn of Preparation, #440 — "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 — Rev. Ron McDougald

*Affirmation of Faith, #691 — The Apostle's Creed

Sermon: "Oil for Your Lamp?" — Rev. Ron McDougald

*Closing Hymn, #633 — "Sweet By and By"

The Sending Forth!

*Choral Benediction, #405 — "Blessed 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 Community Care and Sue's Home was [redacted].

Volunteers needed for Seashore Missions Meals each month for 2027. Please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule to help with a meal.

Women's Methodist Missions Circle meets tomorrow! We will pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for delivery on November 16th. If anyone in the church would like to take a shoebox to fill or donate items for the shoeboxes, please see Sarah Schmidt for more information.

Veteran's Day Celebration will be held at Vancleave Middle School this Tuesday; breakfast for Veterans at 8:30am followed by a Campus wide Ceremony in the VMS gym at 9:30am.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is starting a new study- 'The Pastor's Preview". The 7 week study will look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's sermon; this week's scripture is Matthew 25:14-30. Join us at 10:30 each Wednesday.

Missions/ Evangelism Training will be held at Caswell Springs this Friday and Saturday Nov. 13th and 14th; training will cover local church leadership, ministry and discipleship. Please contact Sherry Judy if you are interested in attending.

Kids & Youth Ministries request your help! They will be packing Thanksgiving baskets on November 15th and need items for our shut-in friends. A list of suggested donations is in the vestibule as well as a collection basket if you'd like to help. Please see Sarah Schmidt with any questions.

Family Movie Day is next Sunday! Join us at the Campground and enjoy the afternoon watching 'David' (PG). Movie begins at 3pm; come a little early for a good seat and grab some free concessions. Invite your friends! Please contact Jessie Lebatard if you'd like to help.

There is a Nursery available each Sunday during Worship Service for infants to age 4.

Lectionary Readings for November 15th

Judges 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Psalm 123
Matthew 25:14-30