Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Church

November 15, 2026

Twenty-fifth 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 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to
you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in
the night. [3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come
on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not
escape.
[4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should
surprise you like a thief. [5] You are all children of the light and children of the
day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6] So then, let us not be
like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7] For those who
sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and
the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath
but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10] He died for us so that,
whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 25: 14-30

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and
entrusted his wealth to them. [15] To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two
bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on
his journey. [16] The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put
his money to work and gained five bags more. [17] So also, the one with two bags
of gold gained two more. [18] But the man who had received one bag went off,
dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
[19] "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts
with them. [20] The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other
five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have
gained five more.'
[21] "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been
faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and
share your master's happiness!'
[22] "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted
me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'
[23] "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been
faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and
share your master's happiness!'
[24] "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I
knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and
gathering where you have not scattered seed. [25] So I was afraid and went out and
hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'
[26] "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest
where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? [27] Well
then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when
I returned I would have received it back with interest.
[28] "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.
[29] For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance.
Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. [30] And
throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Prelude

The Praise!

*Call to Worship — Scott Holden

I look up to You, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
As servants look to the ways of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God.
The Master has entrusted his servants with His property.
We come to worship the one who calls us to faithfulness.
Come, let us lift our voices to the Lord of all.
Alleluia! We rejoice in God's call to serve!

*Hymn of Praise, #122 — "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

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 5:1-11 — Susan Savage

Hymn of Preparation, #49 — "Be Thou My Vision"

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 — Rev. Ron McDougald

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

Sermon: "The Heavy Stuff" — Rev. Ron McDougald

*Hymn of Commitment, #589 — "Here I am, Lord"

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.

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

Kids & Youth Ministries will be packing Thanksgiving baskets tomorrow – it's not too late to donate needed 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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is on week 2 of 7 of the 'The Pastor's Preview." Each week will be a look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's sermon; this week's scripture is Matthew 25:31-48. Join us at 10:30 each Wednesday.

Children's Christmas Program will be December 13th; practices will be each Wednesday evening at 5pm and Sundays during 10:30am Sunday School. All kids and youth are invited to participate- please see Sherry Judy for details.

Sassy Saints will meet this Thursday, Nov. 19th at 11:30. All are welcome to enjoy lunch & fellowship at Ixtapa's Mexican Restaurant in Vancleave.

Missions Committee will meet next Sunday, Nov. 22, following Worship.

Veterans' Recognition- Thank you to those in our church family who have served; if we missed you on today's insert, please contact Kristi or Cindy Nelson so we may add you to our list.

Family Movie Today! 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 22nd

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 100
Matthew 25:31-46