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**P**LEASANT  
CHURCH

*December 21, 2025*

# Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Ge 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."

<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Prayer of Invocation

#199 *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"* (1<sup>st</sup> Service)

\*Praise Through Song (2<sup>nd</sup> service only)

Confession of Sin  
(Congregation recites aloud.)

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

\*Apostles' Creed #627

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Special Music: *"What Child is This?"* - Calvin Ashcroft,  
Abby Herbster, Cameron Michel & Megan Michel

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

#199 *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"* (2<sup>nd</sup> service only)

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7

Sermon: "The Gracious Obedience of Faith"

By Pastor Rich Herbster

#206 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> service)

\*Benediction and Recessional

\*Congregation will stand.

**Second Service Only:** Children ages **3 through 1st grade** are welcome to attend Children & Worship. A nursery is available for children under the age of 3.

# Announcements

## **WELCOME TO MT. PLEASANT!**

We are glad that you have chosen to join with us in worship today.

If you are visiting for the first time, or have visited before but would like more information about our church, please fill out a blue visitor card (located in the back of the pews) and indicate how we may serve you.

If you need assistance at any time during the service, please notify an usher who will be happy to help.

If you desire special prayer or spiritual counsel, please meet with our Elders in the front of the sanctuary immediately following the service.

Assisted Listening Devices to aid those with hearing deficiencies are available in the Sound Booth at the rear of the Sanctuary. Please see one of our staff in the booth prior to the Call to Worship to get set up.

## **WORSHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

First Worship Service - 8:30am

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:40am

Second Worship Service - 10:30am

## **MINISTRIES FOR EVERYONE**

Women's Fellowship - Tuesday - 1:00-2:30pm

The Way Youth Group - Tuesday - 6:15pm

Ask A Nurse - Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - 10am - Noon

Kids' Choir - Wednesday - 6-7pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30pm

Young Adult Bible Study - Thursday - 7pm

The Lydia Stitchers (sewing group) - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays - 9am-3pm

Men of Faith Breakfast - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - 8-10am

Christian Child Care - Monday through Friday - 6am-6pm

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**



Two services will be offered this year:

4:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

6:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

## **GAME NIGHT - DEC. 30<sup>TH</sup>**

We are squeezing in a Game Night before the year is up!! What a perfect time!! Winter Break may be feeling long for some by this point- come hang out with us!! Bring your favorite game to play and snack to share!

Our Fellowship Committee will provide chips, pretzels, dip, and beverages.

Open to all- community, church family, youth group, child care families - anyone! And any age, too!! See you there!!

*2026 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Narthex. 2025 Giving Statements can be downloaded directly from your profile in TouchPoint. Please see Sam Blattner if you have any questions about the Offering Envelopes or if you would like to request a printed Giving Statement. Thank you.*

## **2026 HONDURAS TRIP**

Honduras trip for 2026 is July 6 thru July 13 if you are interested we need to know by Monday, January 5 at the meeting so Lennie Miller can get the tickets ordered. Thank you.

### \*Prayer List

Tom Allison Sr.	Jackson Joyce	Eli Rogers
Aren	Sylvia Kendall	Bertha Rogish
Butch Bass	Easton Lander	Krista Ross
Marie Davis	Joe Marksteiner	Rowena Seigle
Bill Enders	Mary Mary	Ryan
Frank Georgakis	Deb McElhaney	Lou Staigvil
Terri Goodwald	Lee Miller	Pastor Wang Yi
Pat Gray	Christine & Tony Olszanski	Susan Weil
Theresa Greathouse	Danny Rains	Todd Williams
Cindy Hineman	Paul Reft	Lisa Zahn

**Bereavement:** Charlie Phillips Family

**Weekly Mission Focus:** Overcomers in Christ (Milan Mrkonja)

**Special Prayer Focus:** Good News Club

**God's Guidance & Care:** John Newcomb & unit (1-year deployment)

**Praise:** Molly Rose (graduated from Kent State), Josh & Sarah Grosso (for all God's provisions this year).

### Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q103.** For what do we pray in the third request?

**Answer:** In the third request (your will be done on earth as it is in heaven) we pray that by His grace, God would make us have the capability and the will to know, obey and submit to His will in everything, as the angels do in heaven.

**Weekly Memorization Verse:** The Lord's Prayer, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"



**Small Groups are already underway, but if you are interested, you are welcome to join at any time!**

Two groups are actively meeting. One located in the Hopewell area and one located in the Chippewa area. Below is the contact information for each group.

- Joanne Rogers - Hopewell area.  
Joanne's contact info is: [rogersjoanne84@gmail.com](mailto:rogersjoanne84@gmail.com)
- Paul Schaefer - Chippewa area.  
Paul's contact info is: [paulschaefer@comcast.net](mailto:paulschaefer@comcast.net)

### TITHING REPORT

	GIVING	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
LAST WEEK	\$8,629	\$11,072	-\$2,443
YEAR TO DATE	\$552,769	\$542,528	\$10,421

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**Keep them in your thoughts by sending a card...**



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