

MT. PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (E.P.C.)

February 7, 2016



“As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

Daniel 7:9-10

WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship..... Daniel 7:9-10

Prayer of Invocation

* Praise Through Song

Blessing God’s Children..... *“Jesus Loves Me”*

***The children will now proceed to Children & Worship.*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Eternal God,

We confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church:

We have not done your will; We have broken your law;

We have rebelled against your love;

We have not loved our neighbors;

We have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Minute for Mission - Easter Egg Decorating

* Doxology (Hymn 623)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

* Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory forever.
Amen.

- * Hymn 139..... *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*
- Scripture..... 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- Sermon.....*"Knowing Christ Crucified"*
Pastor Rich Herbster
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- * Hymn 334..... *"There is Power in the Blood"*
- * Benediction and Recessional

** Congregation will stand*

**** Children from ages 3 to 2nd grade are welcome to attend Children and Worship. There is a nursery available for children under the age of 3.**

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.

MINISTRIES FOR EVERYBODY

Mt. Pleasant has numerous services and programs for worship and growth available:

WORSHIP PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Blended Worship Service #1** Sun. 8:30 - 9:45 am
- Sunday School - Children** Sun. 10:00 - 10:45 am
- Sunday School - Adults** Sun. 10:00 - 10:45 am
- Blended Worship Service #2** Sun. 11:00 - 12:15 pm
- Evening Worship Service** Sun. 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Women's Fellowship** Tues. (Sep-May), 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Women's Prayer, Fellowship** Fri. 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Men of Faith** Every 3rd Sat. 8:00 am - 10:00 am
- Bible Study & Prayer Group** Wed. 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Jr. High Youth Group** Sun. 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Sr. High Youth Group** Sun. 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Christian Childcare** Mon. - Fri. 6:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Ask a Nurse** Every 1st Wed. 10:00am - 12:00 pm

Special Music Practice w/ Sound Tech - Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:00 pm.

Kids Choir Practice - September - May, Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Worship Practice - Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Choir Practice - Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm.

PRAYER LIST

Bereavement ~ Thomas Barker Family, Karen Yoko Family

Illness or Injury ~ Karen Autmen, Kimberly Bielby, Michele Charlier, Heather Cline, Ron Coombs, Delores Cox, Angie Dannelley, Ginny Douglass, Thomas Fedinetz, Jaxon Ford, Leila “Sis” Given, Dorothy Homanick, Robert Kronk II, Ethel Luther, Lois McLaughlin, Rose Miles, Caitlyn Papsan, Marilyn Phillips, Michelle Rock, Lynn Russell, Rob Scheel, Robbie Schmidt, Amy Shay, Sophia Shirly, Lewis Showrank, Fred Shyler, Fred Simunick, Richard Smith, Lou Staigvil, June Statler (Brownie’s sister-in-law), Adam Theobald, Beverly Viniski, Gabby Wiatrak, Charlie Windisch, Janet Yost

God’s Guidance and Care ~ Brandyn Massie

This Week’s Mission ~ New Tribes Mission (Bill & Debby Bosley)

LAST CALL FOR ANNUAL REPORTS

Our Congregational Meeting will take place on February 28th. All ministry leaders and elders who have not done so already, please submit your annual reports to the office (info@mpchurchpa.org) no later than February 12.

CARE ELDER & DEACON

The Care Elder and Deacon are available for you if you have a need and can’t reach Pastor Rich. For the month of February, The Care Elder is Beth Ann Enders (724-561-2950) and the Care Deacon is Dave Symanowicz (724-777-3918).

CRUSADERS

Crusaders Club at Mt. Pleasant Church includes a fun evening of games, crafts, music, snacks, and Bible stories for children ages 4 to 4th grade. Please join us!! We are meeting every Thursday from February 4th to March 31st from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 per child. You can sign up at the church office. If you need further information please contact Lisa Bowermeister at 724-561-3325.

Crusaders Club would like to ask for cookie baker volunteers. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

KID’S CHOIR

The Kid’s Choir will be singing in both services on February 14, and will also be meeting at the group home at 2774 Broadhead Rd on February 17.

EASTER LILIES

It is once again that time of year where we prepare to decorate the Church with Easter Lilies. If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, order sheets are available in the Narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. Please note that the due date is February 28th this year due to the early holiday.

EASTER EGG DECORATING CLASS

Easter Egg Decorating Class will be Tuesday evenings during lent (Feb 16, and 23; Mar 1, 8, 15, and 22). Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall, from 7:00 to 8:30. There is a \$5.00 charge to cover the cost of materials; and class size is limited. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. See Kathleen Mihalow with any questions.

WOMEN’S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Women’s Prayer and Fellowship group meets on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant. Our topics of study come from the “Engaging God’s Word” series. All are welcome to join us in prayer and fellowship as we pray and study God’s word each week.

WOMEN’S RETREAT

LADIES...please mark your calendar and 'Save The Date' for our Annual Women’s Retreat. This year it will be held on Friday-Saturday, April 15 & 16 at the Embassy Suites, Coraopolis. More details will be coming soon but it was a wonderful experience for many of us who attended last year. Hope you will be joining us. Thanks, Pat

CATECHISM CORNER

A Closer Look!!

Q.2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A.2. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

What does it mean?

The word “rule” here means “standard” or “measure.” Think of a “ruler.” The question is essentially asking, “How can I know what it means to know God’s plan and purpose? To what source can I turn?” The answer we must give is *Scripture alone*. Humans look to many sources for wisdom, but for us Christians there can be no other authority.

<u>TITHING</u>	Giving	Needed	
Last Week	\$7,526.00	\$7,900.00	-\$374.00
Year to Date	\$44,160.00	\$47,400.00	-\$3,240.00
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	Giving	Total	3 Year Pledge
Total Last Week	\$1,235.00	\$212,267.00	\$325,908.00

ASSISTING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

Acolyte	8:30 Kiersten Bruce
	11:00 Charity Tellish
Ushers	8:30 Tom Allison, Steve DeLong, Billy Yoho
	11:00 Mike Given, Nate Given, Jason Michel
Greeters	8:30 Dan & Jennifer Stiteler
	11:00 Mark & Yvonne Trotter
Organist / Music Director	8:30 Pat Lampe
	11:00 Pat Lampe
Liturgist	8:30 Denise Lander
	11:00 Denise Lander
Toddler / Infant Nursery	8:30 Michelle Dalton & Mackenzie Hartman
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Children / Worship Leaders	8:30 Paul Conn
	11:00 Lexa Taylor
Children /Worship Helpers	8:30 John Alvarado
	11:00 Bethie Pierce & Julie Alison

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Acolyte	8:30 Kiersten Bruce
	11:00 Cameron Michel
Ushers	8:30 Tom Allison, Steve DeLong, Billy Yoho
	11:00 Mike Given, Nate Given, Jason Michel
Greeters	8:30 Virginia Mihalik & Jan Garland
	11:00 Barb Petrovic & Sonnie Allison
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MT. PLEASANT STAFF

Rev. Dr. Richard Herbster

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Lee Hudson, Junior High Youth Minister
 Pam McDonald, Senior High Youth Minister
 Patricia Lampe, Music Director
 Buddy Smeltz, Praise Team Leader
 Gary McFerren/Chris Petrella, Sound Booth Technician
 Sara Beth Miller, Child Care Director
 John Foster, Administrator
 Sylvia Kendall, Treasurer
 Bill Kendall, Maintenance Manager
 Michelle Ellison, Custodian

CHURCH LEADERS

Elders

Beth Ann Enders (Worship)
 Laura Given (Christian Education)
 Lennie Miller (Missions, Outreach)
 Jim Bruce (Shepherding)
 Jason McDonald (Fellowship)
 Craig Lahtinen (Administration)
 Larry Zahn (Finance)
 Diane Luther (Personnel)
 Steve DeLong (Facilities)

Deacons

Micki Addison (Chair)
 Rhonda Hicks
 Marie Hyre
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