

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

December 11, 2016
3rd Sunday in Advent



*“Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead
and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.”*

1 Peter 1:21

WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship..... 1 Peter 1:18-21

Prayer of Invocation

* Praise Through Song

Special Music..... *Go Tell It On the Mountain*
Kid's Choir

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

New Member Reception

Jeff & Nadine Duncan
Sue Tebbets
Sonnie Allison
Ron & Evelyn Lyle

* Gloria Patri (Hymn 620)

Special Music..... *O Holy Night*
Pat Lampe & Diane Luther

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Blessing God's Children

***The children will proceed to Children & Worship during the hymn.*

*Hymn 199..... *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Scripture..... Leviticus 22:17-33

Sermon..... *Acceptable Sacrifice*
Pastor Richard Herbster

*Hymn 188..... *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

* 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.**

**Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. For our annual Children's Program,
"The Next Noel"**

PRAYER LIST

Praise ~ LaVern Pence, Tom Rupik, Wayne Taormina, Carol Thomas

Illness/Injury ~ Steve and Denea Aurin, Nelson Boley, Sydney Brison, Jimmy Bruce, Gavin Campbell, Bonnie Clem, Bill Coon, Tim Cotherman, Roy Cox, John Crouch, Abby Dalton, Mary Davy, Sharon Diamond, Dinger, George Duke, Jimmy Ginther, Sue Gourley, Marie Hawk, Dwain Haymond, Joanie Heaton, Donna Herrmann, Joe Herrmann, Dorothy Homanick, Peggy Johannson, Reverend Kennedy, Carolyn Kuntz, Emily Long, Ethel Luther, Skip Malcomb, Bill Melvin, Florence Metz, Sam Mike, Gianna, Morelli, Cody Musser, Sean Nolan, Caitlyn Papsan, Judy Prost, Dennis Reagan, Frank Reed, Rich Rodgers, Butch Santicola, Heather Sanderson, Sara (Wilson) Scalise, William Schneider, Amy Shay, Ty Shannon, Fred Simunick, Betty Smith, Amy Statler, Brownie Statler, Jean Stewart, Beverly Thomas, Jr. Tindell, Jacob Whitehill, Gabby Wiatrak, Charlotte Wilson, Tony Ziglar

This Week's Mission ~ Wycliffe Bible Translators (Beth Knapp)

CARE ELDER & DEACON

The Care Elder and Deacon are available if you have a need and can't reach Pastor Rich. For the month of December, the Care Elder is Beth Ann Enders (724-561-2950) and the Care Deacon is Rhonda Hicks (724-622-0363).

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve services: 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day service: 11:00 a.m.

*There will be no Sunday School, but a time of fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 1st, New Year's Day service: 11:00 a.m.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for the year 2017 are now available in the Narthex. If you use envelopes, please pick them up. If you currently do not use envelopes and wish to do so, see Sylvia Kendall, email treasurer@mpchurchpa.org, or call the office through the week and we will be happy to give you a box.

KID'S CHOIR PRODUCTION TONIGHT!!

Don't forget, tonight's the night... Our Kid's Choir production of "The Next Noel". It promises to be an event you won't forget. Our children have worked very hard to bring you a story about Christmas. Please come out and enjoy their talents and share in remembering the importance of focusing on God's miracle at Christmas and not our own glory. Refreshments afterward!

KID'S CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

There will be NO Kid's Choir Practice after Wednesday, December 14, our visit to Green Garden Group Home. We will resume regular practices January 4, 2017. Call me if you have any questions. --- Pat

CATECHISM CORNER

A QUESTION FROM THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. 32. *They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.*

Does the Christian faith make any difference *for this life* or is it only concerned with heaven? According to the catechism, the benefits of faith go far beyond the next life. We benefit in the here and now in myriad ways from knowing God through faith in Jesus Christ. Assurance of our Father's providential care, access to the wisdom of God, moral clarity, to name just a few. The most practical thing you will ever do *in this life* is believe in Jesus!

GIVING

TITHING

	Giving	Needed	
Last Week	\$11,316.00	\$7,900.00	\$3,416.00
Year to Date	\$364,732.00	\$395,000.00	-\$30,268.00

BUILDING FUND

	Giving	Total	3 Year Pledge
Total Last Week	\$1,976.00	\$279,238.00	\$326,028.00

ASSISTING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

<i>Acolyte</i>	8:30	Sage McHattie
	11:00	Cameron Michel
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30	Bill Enders, Virginia Mihalik & Russ Werme
	11:00	Nate Given, Lenny Hyre & Jason Michel
<i>Greeters</i>	8:30	Carl & Happy Hennen
	11:00	Sonnie Allison & Barb Petrovic
<i>Music Director</i>	8:30	Pat Lampe
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<i>Liturgist</i>	8:30	Craig Lahtinen
	11:00	Craig Lahtinen
<i>Nursery</i>	8:30	Michelle Dalton
	11:00	Ashley Winkle
<i>Children/Worship</i>	8:30	Beth Ann Enders & Colleen Jesko
	11:00	Lexa Taylor & Marie Hyre

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

<i>Acolyte</i>	8:30	Sage McHattie
	11:00	Cameron Michel
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30	Bill Enders, Virginia Mihalik & Russ Werme
	11:00	Caleb Hyre, Lenny Hyre & Jason Michel
<i>Greeters</i>	8:30	Dalton Lander
	11:00	Laura Foster & Joan Lyons
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MT. PLEASANT STAFF

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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)
Craig Lahtinen (Administration)
Larry Zahn (Finance)
Diane Luther (Personnel)
Steve DeLong (Facilities)

Deacons

Micki Addison (Chair)
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