

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

December 18, 2016
4th Sunday in Advent



“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. 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.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship..... 1st Thessalonians 4:16-17

Prayer of Invocation

* Praise Through Song

Special Music..... *Angels We Have Heard On High*
Praise Choir

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute For Mission..... Child Evangelism Fellowship

* Gloria Patri (Hymn 620)

Special Music..... *Do You Hear What I Hear*
Jordyn Herman, Sage McHattie,
Emma Thompson

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 211..... *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Scripture..... Leviticus 23

Sermon..... *Sacred Calendar*
Pastor Richard Herbster

*Hymn 192..... *How Great Our Joy*

* 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 Sunday Evening Worship Service led by Lucas Waters.

PRAYER LIST

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.

*There WILL be Sunday School on New Year's Day.

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.

KIDS' CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

We will resume regular Kids' Choir practice on January 4, 2017. Call me if you have any questions. --- Pat

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH

The Jr High Youth Group packed 38 gallon bags with toiletries such as bar soap, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, dental care items and packets of wet wipes. Donated winter items were made available as well. During Christmas, let's not forget those who are most vulnerable to the elements. Joan Lyons continues her outreach and needs our support, coats, hats, and gloves, socks, etc. please consider donating these items. Used backpacks are sought after as well. Merry Christmas and blessings to all! Lee Hudson

ANGEL TREE

Just a reminder that Deacon Angel Tree gifts are due back today. Please make sure the items are wrapped and the tag is attached to the gift. You may leave them under the tree. Thank you!

THANK YOU

The Honduras Mission Team wishes to thank everybody who donated cookies for the cookie sale. It is greatly appreciated!

CATECHISM CORNER

A QUESTION FROM THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. 33. *Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

The central doctrine of our faith is "justification by faith alone." God forgives us our sins and counts us righteous not because of any good in us (we're sinners!), but because Christ is good. We receive his righteousness by faith alone, completely apart from any good that we do. It is by God's grace alone.

GIVING

TITHING

	Giving	Needed	
Last Week	\$4,985.00	\$7,900.00	-\$2,915.00
Year to Date	\$369,732.00	\$402,900.00	-\$33,243.00

BUILDING FUND

	Giving	Total	3 Year Pledge
Total Last Week	\$360.00	\$279,598.00	\$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	Caleb Hyre, Lenny Hyre & Jason Michel
<i>Greeters</i>	8:30	Dalton Lander
	11:00	Laura Foster & Joan Lyons
<i>Music Director</i>	8:30	Pat Lampe
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<i>Liturgist</i>	8:30	Craig Lahtinen
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<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>	11:00	Cameron Michel
<i>Ushers</i>	11:00	Nate Given, Lenny Hyre & Jason Michel
<i>Greeters</i>	11:00	Laura Foster & Joan Lyons
<i>Music Director</i>	11:00	Pat Lampe
<i>Liturgist</i>	11:00	Craig Lahtinen
<i>Nursery</i>	11:00	Ashley Winkle
<i>Children/Worship</i>	11:00	Beth Ann Enders

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)
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Deacons

Micki Addison (Chair)
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