

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

December 25, 2016
Christmas Day



“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:10b-11

WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship..... Luke 2:8-11

Prayer of Invocation

* Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

* Apostle's Creed

* Gloria Patri (Hymn 620)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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

*Hymn 213..... *Away in A Manger*

Scripture..... Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon..... *Come and Adore!*
Pastor Richard Herbster

*Hymn 208..... *I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day*

* 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, Vinnie Forte, George Duke, Jimmy Ginther, Sue Gourley, Marie Hawk, Dwain Haymond, Joanie Heaton, Donna Herrmann, Joe Herrmann, Dorothy Homanick, Peggy Johannson, Jackie Juth, Reverend Kennedy, Carolyn Kuntz, Emily Long, Ethel Luther, Skip Malcomb, Aiden McConn, Bill Melvin, Florence Metz, Sam Mike, Gianna Morelli, Cody Musser, Sean Nolan, Caitlyn Papsan, Dennis Reagan, Frank Reed, Rich Rodgers, Butch Santicola, Heather Sanderson, Sara (Wilson) Scalise, William Schneider, Marcie Searight, Amy Shay, Fred Simunick, Betty Smith, Amy Statler, Brownie Statler, Jean Stewart, Beverly Thomas, Jr. Tindell, Charles & Nancy Whirley, 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

There will be no Sunday School today, 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 ~ 724-544-4577 . --- 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

HONDURAS MISSION TEAM SOUP SALE

The Honduras Mission Team will be holding a Soup Sale on January 8, 2017. The cost of a quart of soup is by donation. Soups to be sold will include Wedding, Potato, Bean, and Stuffed Pepper... To name a few. Soup will be sold between services that morning. Also, If you like to cook... please sign up to donate soup on the sheet in the Narthex.

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

<u>TITHING</u>	Giving	Needed	
Last Week	\$8,127.00	\$7,900.00	\$227.00
Year to Date	\$377,784.00	\$410,800.00	-\$33,016.00
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	Giving	Total	3 Year Pledge
Total Last Week	\$3,613.00	\$283,211.00	\$326,028.00

ASSISTING IN THIS MORNING'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	Michelle Bradford & Beth Ann Enders

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

<i>Acolyte</i>	8:30	Allison DeLong
	11:00	R.J. Ashcroft
<i>Ushers</i>	8:30	Dan McHattie, Billy Yoho & Jim Gray
	11:00	Jamie Ashcroft, Bill Enders & Neil Fabianich
<i>Greeters</i>	8:30	Dalton Lander & Jan Garland
	11:00	Bill Kendall
<i>Music Director</i>	8:30	Pat Lampe
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<i>Liturgist</i>	8:30	Rick Pierce
	11:00	Rick Pierce
<i>Nursery</i>	8:30	Michelle Dalton
	11:00	Ashley Winkle
<i>Children/Worship</i>	8:30	Michelle Bradford & Jennifer Stiteler
	11:00	Sharon Ashcroft & Beth Ann Enders

MT. PLEASANT STAFF

Rev. Dr. Richard Herbster

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Bill Kendall, Maintenance Manager

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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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