



December 24, 2017 Worship Service

Preparatory Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:6-7

Prayer of Invocation

*Praise Through Song

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed #627

*Doxology #623

Special Music "Mary Did You Know?"
Jordyn Herman, Sage McHattie & Emma Thompson

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #200 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

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

Scripture: Matthew 12:1-14

Sermon "Grinches of the Twenty-first Century"
Pastor Rich Herbster

*Hymn #202 "What Child Is This?"

*Benediction and Recessional

*Congregation will stand

**Children from ages 3 to 2nd grade are welcome to
Attend Children & Worship.
There is nursery available for children
Under the age of 3.

Contact us

Rev. Dr. Richard Herbster 724-495-6362
December Care Elder and Deacon available
if you have a need and can't reach the Pastor.
Rich Pierce 724-601-8502, Elder
Dan McHattie 724-561-4420, Deacon

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Announcements

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP SOUP SALE FUNDRAISER The Honduras Mission Team Soup Sale is on January 7, 2018. There is sign-up sheet in the narthex for any cooks who can donate soup. Soup will be sold between services and donations can be made for a quart.

2018 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES There are paper copies of the schedules for the Liturgists, Ushers, and Greeters in the Narthex. If you are a volunteer, feel free to take one with you. The schedules are also available on the church website mpchurchpa.org on the "Information" page at the bottom under Volunteer Schedules.

OFFERING ENVELOPES The 2018 offering envelopes are ready for your pick up in the narthex.

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP COOKIE FUNDRAISER Thanks to all who participated in the cookie fundraiser!

Join us this afternoon and evening for
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4 pm and 6 pm

Elders

Jim Bruce
Ken Davis
Steve DeLong
Beth Ann Enders
Laura Given
Craig Lahtinen
Lennie Miller
Rich Pierce
Larry Zahn

Deacons

Micki Addison
Rhonda Hicks
Marie Hyre
Dan McHattie
Shari McMasters
Brownie Statler
Dave Symanowicz
Deb Taylor

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 Everyone

Worship Service #1—Sunday—8:30 am

Worship Service #2—Sunday—11 am

Sunday School (Adult & Children)—10:00 to 10:45 am

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday—6:30 to 8 pm
(September to May)

Women's Prayer, Fellowship—Friday—10:00 am to 12 pm

Grief Support Group—1st and 3rd Wed. of Month—1 pm

Kids Choir—Wednesday—6:30 to 7:30 pm

Bible Study & Prayer Group—Wednesday—6:30 to 7:30 pm

Men of Faith—Every 3rd Saturday—8:00 to 10:00 am

Junior High Youth Group—Tuesday—6:30 to 8:00 pm

Senior High Youth Group—Tuesday—6:30 to 8:00 pm

Ask A Nurse—1st Wed. of Month—10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Christian Child Care—Mon. to Friday—6:00 am to 6:00 pm

Prayer List Illness

Steve Aurin	Shirley Hysong	Evelyn Moore
Candy Heck Blair	Rev. Kennedy	Pastor Omar
Kiersten Bruce	Linda	Joyce Reed
Gavin Campbell	Glenna Loudermilk	Rowena Seigle
Carla	Lucy	Fred Simunick
Travis Cerce	Janet Luketic	Bud Smeltz Sr.
Sue Conn	Amy Marshall	Martin Sosa
Bill Coon	Michael Martinez Sr.	Ron Stillwagon
Vic D'Amico	Ray Masa	Marlene Taormina
Patti Davis	Nancy Mayhue	Wayne Taormina
Bruce Davis	Kathy McBee	Herman Thomas
Sean Douglas	Missy McConn	Dana Unger
Betsey Ergen	Melissa	George Unger
Sue Gourley	A.J. Mihalik	Karen Winland
Dorothy Homenick	Jan Miller	Andy Zelazny
Hoss Hoskinson	Junior Mills	

Praise: Jeff Duncan, Alice Allison
God's Care and Guidance: Billy & Macy Kelly, Polmoroy Family
Bereavement: The Patty Koranovich Family,
 The Richard Stover Family,
 The Andrew Langton Family,
 The Curt Findley Family, The Sandy Rybacki Family,
 The Amy Phillips Family, The Sam Mike Family
Missions: Ministerio Apostolico Betesda

WSC Q. 78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's, good name.

The ninth commandment forbids us to bear false witness. One of many applications to this is that we are forbidden speaking what is "injurious to...our neighbor's good name." This is tremendous moment for all of us in view of the temptation to gossip. It is very common to hear a juicy bit about another. It is always tempting to join in such conversation, throwing whatever fuel we can on the fire, or, at least, listening interestedly to whatever scoop others have. But we are to protect our neighbor's good name. This means we should be fire fighters, not fire feeders. Our default position should be to squelch the rumor mill, not to crank it up.

Assisting in This Morning's Worship

Acolyte	10:00	Abby Herbster
Ushers	10:00	Rick Pierce, Paul Lanigan, Bill Enders
Greeters	10:00	David & Mertz Whitehill, Jan Garland
Music Director	10:00	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	10:00	Rich Pierce
Children & Worship	10:00	Karen Herman & Tammy Symanowicz

Assisting in Next Week's Worship December 31, 2017

Acolyte	8:30	Alison DeLong
	11:00	Abby Herbster
Ushers	8:30	Bill Enders, Rich Schoedel, Drew Vinisky
	11:00	Mike McDonald, Jamie Ashcroft, Jim Enders
Greeters	8:30	Dalton Lander & Jan Garland
	11:00	Brownie & June Statler
Music Director	Both	Pat Lampe
Liturgist	Both	Rich Pierce
Children & Worship	8:30	Beth Ann Enders & Tammy Symanowicz
	11:00	Lexa Taylor & Karen Herman

<u>TITHING REPORT</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$7,678	\$7,526	\$152
Year to Date	\$377,471	\$383,826	-\$6,355

<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>
Total as of Last Week	\$965	\$581,304	\$710,359