

VISION: "Building a vibrant, engaged faith community serving, growing, and transforming lives." 1 Peter 4:10-11

MISSION: "To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Mission, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study and the Great Commission." Matthew 28:19-20

THEME: "Stepping Forward in Faith" Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT "HOPE"

MISSION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

8:55 a.m.—CHURCH SCHOOL

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 884 9613 9922 | Passcode: 079158

Adult, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Class
Lesson 13: "The City of David"
2 Samuel 5:1-12
Teacher: Deacon James Watson

High School & Preteen Class
Lesson 13: "Your Turn to Talk" Part 2
Teacher: Deaconess Allie Hollister

Middlers & Early Elementary Class
Lesson 13: "Manasseh Asks God for Forgiveness"
2 Chronicles 33:1-20
Teacher: Sister Debbie Coles

Pre K-Kindergarten Class
Lesson 13: "Joshua Talks to God's People"
Joshua 24:1-27
Teachers: Sister Jean Hogan & Sister Linda Lovelace

PRAY FOR BEREAVED FAMILIES

For help and encouragement during a time of bereavement, call the Grief Line at (571) 533-2963.
Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN

ATTENTION MEMBERS: We need your help to maintain accurate, active membership records for you and your family. If you or members of your family have moved, we kindly ask that you provide the name, address, phone number and preferred email address to the MPBC Church Clerk at clerk@mtpleasantbc.org (preferred) or the church office, 703-256-1268, Ext 16. Providing this information will enable us to share timely updates, announcements, and other important church information.

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10:00 a.m.

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Invocation
Minister Aleia Taylor-Ellington

Praise and Worship

Advent Moment
Brother Michael Jenkins and
Masters Elijah and Ethan Hayes

Missionary Presentation
Sister Yvette Collier

Welcome/Offering/Offertory Prayer
Minister Jennifer Madison

Music of Preparation
Choir

The Preached Word
Pastor Carl M. Johnson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

WAYS TO GIVE

1. Visit https://www.mtpleasantbc.org and click on GIVE or use the QR Code.
2. Visit https://www.Givelify.com and sign in or use the QR Code.
3. Mail to MPBC at the address listed below.
4. Text "GIVE" to 703-215-2545 to use Text-To-Give.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deaconess & Scholarship Ministries
In partnership sponsors the 2026 Winter Coat Clothing Drive
October 18—November 29
Supporting students and families in the Belvedere, Parklawn, and MPBC communities. Collection bins are available at the Main Sanctuary entrance and Church School Office.
Every donation is appreciated!

Monday, November 30—6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 | Conference ID: 1571206#
(This is a toll number. Charges may be incurred.) Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

Tuesday, December 1—6:45 p.m. Christmas Cantata Rehearsal. (Sanctuary Choir)

Wednesday, December 2—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.
Join Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 859 5409 8108 | Passcode: 217585
Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Wednesday, December 2—7:00 p.m. Virtual Women's Fellowship. Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 872 4334 3760 | Passcode: 380070
Facilitator: Evangelist Jacqueline Thomas, Founder and Executive Director of Grace Evangelistic Ministries and GEM Theatre productions of Woodbridge, VA.

Thursday, December 3
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 857 9439 7362 | Passcode: 887644

6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service.
Led by Deacon Michael Hardy, Deaconess Sylvia Hardy, and Deaconess Tawanna Tillman.
Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.
Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Saturday, December 5—9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Virtual Evangelism Workshop.
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 869 2085 9606 | Passcode: 831953
All are invited. Facilitators: Rev. Joyce Howard, MPBC Associate Minister and Brother Johnny Watson, Director of Outreach and Men's Ministry of Potters House Ministries, Chestertown, MD. Topic: "When was the last time you shared Jesus with someone?" Contact: Deacon James Watson at James.Watson@mtpleasantbc.org

Sundays, December 6, 13 and 20—10:00 a.m. Advent Celebration. A special time of celebration and candle lighting each week in preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Children & Youth Church
Sunday, December 6—During 10:00 a.m. Service
MPBC invites all children and youth ages 7-16 to join us for Children & Youth Church! Children & Youth Church will meet every first Sunday. Come learn God's Word, build friendships, grow in faith, serve others, and have fun!

Sunday, December 13—9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Church School Visits Leewood Nursing Home. Church School students in grades pre-kindergarten-12 will distribute gifts to residents. Transportation provided. Location: 7120 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003. Contact: Yvonne Bush at tusc341@gmail.com

2026 Winter Messenger Newsletter. Theme: "A Star Is Born" Isaiah 9:6 (NIV). Submit articles, poems, notices at mpbcnewsletter@mtpleasantbc.org by **December 13**.

Mount Pleasant Angel Tree Project
November 29—December 19, 2026



Mount Pleasant is spreading the joy of Christmas through our Angel Tree Project in partnership with the Fair Ridge Family Shelter in Fairfax, VA. This year, we are sponsoring 80 adults residing at the shelter.

The Angel Tree, featuring names and requested gifts, is in the Fellowship Hall. Members are invited to select an angel, purchase the gift requested and put the gift in a bag. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love and remind others that they are not forgotten during the Christmas season. **Gift Collection Deadline: December 19.** Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

Annual Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 20—10:00 a.m.
All are invited to worship with us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Featuring the Music & Fine Arts Ministry. The preached Word by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Attention Mount Pleasant Church Members
You are invited to purchase space in the 2026 Pictorial Directory to recognize or memorialize your loved one. Your support of this project is a meaningful way to honor your friend or family member while helping offset the cost of this publication. **Deadline: December 13.**
Recognition and Memorial Options & Pricing
Full page $100 | Half Page $50 | Business card size $25

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https://e360.ministryone.com/landing/PL6P