

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

People: **We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth.**

*HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#551 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we

dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: **Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Amen.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

TBA

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

#341 (Blue)

SERMON

"Jesus is the Messiah"

Mary Kay Best

TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Please stand as you are able) **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stewardship Dedication

As we sing our hymn (below) you are invited to bring your 2023 pledge cards forward and place them in the basket in front of the communion table as your offering in gratitude to God and for the work of his church.

***HYMN** **I Sing a Song of the Saints of God** **#364 (Blue)**

***PRAYER OF CONSECRATION FOR OUR PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS**

Bless, O God, all the financial resources that will pass through our hands in the year to come. May our planning be wise, our spending be faithful, our giving be joyful and our saving offer peace of mind. Keep us from waste, worry and regret, remind us always to be sensitive to the needs of those who have less than we do, and let justice and compassion guide our earning and our investing. We consecrate the pledges we make today to you, O God. Use them, and us, to do your work in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*SUNG RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.
Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session
Monday	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Tuesday	8:00 am	Walking Club
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00 am	Farmers Market
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

Pledge cards will be received today during the service. Extra cards are available on the tables with the bulletins.

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church has made a love offering of \$1000 to the **Troy Leshner-Thomas family** in thanks for their support of this church in our time of need as a token of our love and support of them.

Our speaker, next Sunday, Oct. 30 will be **Bryan Williamson**. **Mary Kay Best** will return to speak on Nov. 6.

The final **MOPC Farmers Market** for 2022 will be Saturday, Oct. 29. Some items that will be available are produce, farm raised meats, eggs, local honey, specialty preserves, cheesecakes and pastries, pumpkins, pillows, holiday ornaments, jewelry, soaps and candles.

Give All Glory to God

By taking either compliments or criticism personally, we rob God of glory. Words go deep, either puffing up our pride or threatening our identity. But God intended better. Isaiah 60:21 (NLT) says, “All your people will be righteous. They will possess their land forever, for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory.”

Our identity is in God, as his beloved children. Any comments (good or bad) must go through God first, and we can ask him to filter each word and speak his truth to our souls. We can pray: What do you want me to hear, God? Are you inviting me to do something different? How can I point others to you? Do I need to make something right?

This change in mindset provides peace. When we receive people’s applause, we want to glorify God, who orchestrates all things. Likewise, constructive criticism can reflect God’s work in us, making us teachable. Instead of being tossed to and fro by affirmations and critiques, let’s rest secure and shift our focus to bring God glory!

—Janna Firestone



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Dexter Hill, (brother in law of Lisa and Doug Niemond, small stroke)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Taylor Dail, (Harvey and Sandra Dail's son, massive stroke, UNC Hillsborough for rehabilitation)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, remission of lymphoma)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- Mitzi Leshner-Thomas (brain tumor)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Lee Sargent, Oct. 19
- Karl Graves, Oct. 8
- Frances Rivenbark, Sept. 4

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Mary Kelly
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin and e-newsletter for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you.



Church Mission Statement

Called together by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Mount Olive Presbyterian Church is committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all people, to nurturing Christian discipleship, and to serving the world in the name of Christ.