

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 18, 2022**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ralph Schroeder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lynn Williams

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All who exalt themselves will be humble

People: **And those who humble themselves will be exalted.**

Leader: God invites us all to the kingdom's banquet.

People: **Honored by God's welcome, we gather by grace.**

\*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

#142 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Savior God, forgive us when we jockey for the highest position and the most honorable seat at your table. All are welcome, but we want to know who was invited first. We categorize and rank according to the world's standards, not yours. Forgive our hierarchal ways. Forgive our lust for prestige and power. Return us to Christ, our model of humility and our guide in faith. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

People: Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

#### WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 113

(pew Bible page 435)

\*HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ

#359 (Blue)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 9: 1-5

(pew Bible page 801)

SERMON

"Inside, Outside, Upside Down"

Dee Clere

#### 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.

\*HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#379 (Blue)

### SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*DEPARTING IN GRATITUDE: *there are offering plates on either side of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and offerings.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING (Responsive)

Leader: May the Creator's holiness burn away our complacency, may the Living Word expose our foolishness, may the Spirit of mercy turn us home,

People: that God's grace might spill from our lives, giving hope to a perishing world, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*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.*

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### This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Stewardship Luncheon
Monday	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Tuesday	8:00 am	Walking Club
	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00 am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

**A Stewardship covered dish luncheon** will be today after church in the Fellowship Hall. Parker's BBQ will provide fried chicken and BBQ. Please join us.

**Choir Rehearsal** time has **changed to 6:30 pm** on Wednesdays.

**The Farmer's Market** will continue every Saturday, 8am - 11am, through Oct. 29 in the parking lot here at MOPC. Come out to shop and buy your vegetables, baked goods and handmade items

**A reminder that Church office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 2 pm and Wednesdays 9 am to 12 pm. The office is closed Mondays and Fridays.**

- Announcements for the bulletin should be submitted no later than 11 am on Tuesday to be included in that Sunday's bulletin.
- Announcements for the newsletter should be submitted no later than the 25th to go in the following month's newsletter.

A Communications request form should be completed in writing. Forms are available in the closet with the mailboxes near the office.

### **Church Leadership**

#### **Elder Class of 2022**

Megan Anderson  
Graham Bennett  
D.J. Jarman  
John Sykes

#### **Elder Class of 2023**

Alma Mooring  
Lynda Roten  
Michael Williams

#### **Elder Class of 2024**

Ralph Schroeder  
Charlotte Stentz  
Patsy West

#### **Clerk of Session**

Lynn Williams

#### **Organist/Choir Director**

Cathy Mason

#### **Office Administrator**

Cindy Jarman

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

None at the time of printing

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer surgery and treatment)
- Sherry Smith, hernia surgery
- Carl Rivenbark, (recent health issues)
- Corporal Logan Cox and Deputy Ramon Torres, (Wayne County Deputies wounded in the line of duty.)
- Sonny Cain's father, beginning treatments for prostate cancer.
- J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, lymphoma and chemotherapy)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Lee Sargent (Ablation treatment)
- 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)*

- Frances Rivenbark, Sept. 4
- Sgt. Matthew Fishman, Aug. 2 (Wayne County Deputy killed in the line of duty)

### 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 through worship, service, education, and fellowship.