

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

Organized 1874

Mount Olive, North Carolina



Mount Olive Presbyterian Church
105 N. Breazeale Ave, PO Box 158
Mount Olive, NC 28365

919-658-2044
mountolivepres@gmail.com
www.mountolivepresbyterianchurch.org

**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 3, 2024**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

*HYMN

As the Deer

#626 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for Earth, for our families, for neighbors, and for strangers, for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food. Forgive us for sins against you, your creation, and our neighbors, through disobedience to your will in word and deed. Teach us to love the way of blamelessness and to be happy in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS The Gloria Patri #581 (Purple)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Rev. Savannah Demuyneck
Two Cents a Meal Offering

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 6:1-9 p. 130 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 12:28-34 p. 718 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

An Instrument of the Lord

H. Beebe

Bill Ford, flute

Could I be an instrument of the Lord? Is serving him in a special way something to be explored?

Should I be an instrument of the Lord? Should working for Him be something that I should be working toward?

Would I see how wonderful it would be were the Savior to work His wonders through me?

Could it be the thought of it strikes a chord, that I can see me as somehow an instrument of the Lord?

Would strife cease where I sounded a note of peace, and would harmony all around me increase?

Might It be that history will record that I was one who performed as an instrument of the Lord.

SERMON

“Love God and Love Neighbor” Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

*HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ

#828 (Purple)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ 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.

*OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#592 (Purple)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE	Go Now in Peace	D. Besig & N. Price
------------------	-----------------	---------------------

Go now in peace.
Never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

(*Please stand as you are able.)



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	Children's and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

Welcome to Mount Olive Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. If you would like more information on ways to get involved, see Pastor Savannah after the service.

The **Two Cents A Meal Offering** will be collected today. The amount received in October was \$139.59.

Backpack Buddies—remember we are asking for donations for backpacks as part of our stewardship campaign. You may bring items for us to pack or a monetary gift placed in the offering plate **next Sunday, Nov 10.** (*Please designate on check for Backpack Buddies*) We pack 24 bags each week. A list of items packed: pop-top cans of pasta, Beanie Weenies, or Vienna sausages, breakfast bars, fruit cups, applesauce cups, pudding cups, cheese (no peanut butter) nabs, rice crispy treats, raisins, oatmeal cakes, fruit drink pouches.



It is almost time! **Order forms for poinsettias** to be placed in the church will be in the bulletin next Sunday, Nov. 10 and the following Sunday, Nov. 17. Each flower will be \$16 and make checks payable to MOPC. Orders and checks can be placed in the offering plates. The **deadline** for turning in orders and money is 11 am on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Brenda Schroeder— heart valve issues

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Eddie Best—health concerns
- Ann Blanton— mouth & eye issues

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin 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. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Savannah at savannah.mopc@gmail.com

A Brief History of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

Two thousand, twenty-four, marks the 150th anniversary of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church. Organized in 1874, by the Reverend Alexander Kirkland, sixteen members gathered to begin what would become Mount Olive Presbyterian Church of the Wilmington Presbytery. In 1875 a lot was given to build a wooden building on the site of our current sanctuary. By 1914, the membership had outgrown the old wooden building and the church was moved to the back of an adjacent lot to make room for a new sanctuary. The new brick building was completed in 1916. Additions and improvements to our Church have continued through the years. The Mount Olive Church joined with Baker Presbyterian in 1988 and has been blessed by the guidance and love of the various ministers who have served as our leaders. We are proud of the work our congregation continues to accomplish as shared in our 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." As we celebrate our past, we look to a future defined by renewed commitment and spiritual growth.

