

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Hargrove

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together to worship God,

People: **We sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another,
singing and making melody to the Lord in our hearts.**

Leader: We give thanks to God the Father at all times

People: **and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

#417 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer. Forgive our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS The Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 5:15-20 pew Bible p. 829

ANTHEM Arise, My Soul, Arise D. Forrest
Mary Ann Wright, Soloist

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears: The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the Throne my Surety stands, before the Throne my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands, my name is written on His hands.
Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary, They pour effectual prayers, they strongly
plead for me:
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die, Nor let that ransomed sinner die.”
My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and “Father, Abba, Father,”
cry,
“Father” cry. Arise, my soul, arise! And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry. Arise, my soul, arise.

SERMON

“Living Wisely”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

*HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#422 (Blue)

*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 (Blue)

**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.**

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
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session Meeting

Thank you to Mary Ann Wright for sharing her talent with us today.

Steeple Cross Contributions may be placed in the offering plate, placed in the red box near the mailboxes, or mailed to the church. Please include the completed contribution form and designate on the check Steeple Fund. (Forms are available on the bulletin table.) Contributions may also be submitted via the church website at www.mountolivepresbyterianchurch.org Please have your **contributions in by Sept. 1.**

SAVE THE DATE! The 150th Anniversary Celebration will be September 29th at 10:30 am. Please mark your calendars and note the time change.

July Session Summary - As we start to plan for a new year, Session took some time during the July meeting to discuss ideas for 2025. 2024 was a year of history, gratitude and reflection. Session hopes 2025 can help us look toward the future. Session will continue to set goals and a vision for where MOPC will go, but for now, Session decided to spend 2025 focusing on meeting needs throughout Mount Olive. Stay tuned for more information for how to get involved. Scholarships, a new Sunday School Curriculum (Being Reformed), and a Family Night Supper on December 11 were all approved. Session approved endorsing D.J. Jarman's application to enter the Certified Ruling Elder (CRE) program. Finally, Session approved donating any unclaimed blue hymnals to Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. Session will meet next on August 25.

Worship Attendance 8/11/24 - 65

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Charlotte Price—heart attack, stent placement
- Jorge West-foot issues
- Eddie Best– health concerns
- Brenda Schroeder-esophageal bleeding

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Ann Blanton– mouth & eye issues

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Rudy Hooks
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister)

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

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

