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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Christ the King Sunday/Communion
November 20, 2022**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Bayles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

People: **The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Leader: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

People: **Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**

Leader: 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

*HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

#151 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Wretched person that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death?" Let us confess our sins to the God who delivers us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways

to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 7:24-25)

Leader: "Wretched person that I am, who will deliver me from this body of death?"

People: Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord." Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 23: 1-6 *The Message* (pew Bible page 553)

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1: 11-20 (pew Bible page 833)

ANTHEM We Thank You Lord Choir

GOSPEL READING Luke 23: 33-43 (pew Bible page 748)

SERMON "Auld Lang Syne" Pastor Bob Bardin

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION Let Us Break Bread Together #513 (Blue)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF SENDING

*HYMN

Lift High the Cross

#371 (Blue)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL 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.**

POSTLUDE

**Invites all who are able to stand.*



The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin.

Stewardship: If you have not had the opportunity to turn in your **pledge card for 2023**, you may do so today by placing it in the offering plate. Extra cards are on the tables near the bulletins.

This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
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		Thanksgiving
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session

Hearing Assist Devices will be available for use during worship next Sunday. Several of you turned your names in earlier that you were interested. If you would like one of these assigned specifically to you to use during worship, please let Cindy know by Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Advent Devotionals are available for the Advent season. You may read them online at https://issuu.com/pres-outlook/docs/advent-2022_half-letter_color_combined?fr=sM2FmZjU0MDI5ODU or printed copies are available in the sanctuary near the bulletins.

Advent Readers: Anyone interested in being an Advent Reader please contact Lynda Roten, 919 222 5863.

Ushers: We will begin having an usher near the door to greet people before worship on Sunday mornings. If you would like to sign up to serve as an usher/greeter, there is a sign up sheet on the table near the bulletins. Please indicate if you have a preference of dates to serve or dates that would not be suitable for you. Thank you for your help.

Spoken Word is a ministry headed by Tim Snyder which reaches out to the visually impaired. Tim and his staff provide "one on one" access to the written word with others. MOPC receives a quarterly update on their projects as well as personal stories of how this ministry has brought light to others. MOPC feels this is an important outreach to those we may not be able to reach. This congregation has made a \$250 contribution to Spoken Word through our tithes. Thank you Tim. Thank you congregation.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Brenda Schroeder, knee-related issues and preparation for knee surgery
- Gwyn Price (sister in law of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, hip replacement surgery)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Robert Wall, (friend of the Bennetts, health issues and possible surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (radiation treatments for prostate cancer and also other health concerns)
- Taylor Dail, (Harvey and Sandra Dail's son, in New Bern with his parents for outpatient physical therapy)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- 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)

- J. B. Price, Oct. 20
- Lee Sargent, Oct. 19
- Karl Graves, Oct. 8

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 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.