



PALM
SUNDAY

**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Wright

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MOMENT FOF STEWARDSHIP

Mary Ann Wright

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#197 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear and trust this good news: In 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 Demuynck

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 p. 436, 437 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:28-40 p. 743,744 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Raise the Wave of Praise

P. Choplin

Come, and gather in the street; see the Man you've come to meet.
Shout "Hosanna!" as you greet the Lord. Raise the wave of praise!
Wave the branches in the air; lay your coats before Him there.
Dance and sing as you declare His power. Raise the wave of praise!
Raise the wave, the wave of praise! Hosanna to the Son, blessed is the Holy One
Who comes in the name of Lord. Come, praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Shout for joy, the Lord has come. Praise the high and holy Son,
Glory to God for all that God has done. Raise the wave of praise!
Raise the wave, the wave of praise! Hosanna to the Son,
Blessed is the Holy One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Come, praise the Lord. Raise the wave! Raise the wave of praise!

SERMON

"The Lord Needs It"

Rev. Savannah Demuyncck

*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.

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

#196 (Purple)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the table

Prayer of Great 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

Prayer after Communion

*OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#592 (Purple)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

* *Worshippers who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship/Communion
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
	5:30 pm	Service Circle
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
Friday	6:30 pm	Tenebrae Service
Saturday	1:00 pm	Rectenwald Baby Shower
Sunday	10:30 am	Easter Sunday 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 **Service Circle** will meet Monday, April 14th at 5:30 pm at Ribeye's. Attendees are asked to bring gifts for the shut-in baskets. All women of the church are invited.

Adult Sunday School - there will not be adult Sunday School next Sunday as the Worship Service begins at 10:30.

MOPC Scholarships

It is time for scholarship applications to be submitted for the 2025-26 academic year. The APP Committee has set the application deadline for April 30, 2025. Candidates for scholarship(s) must be a member of MOPC and be actively engaged in the life of this church during his/her high school years. Applications are available on the church website, <https://www.mountolivepresbyterianchurch.org/> Please see the Scholarship email sent on March 27 for the current Scholarship policy.

Baby Shower Invitation

Join us for a baby shower honoring mom-to-be Katelyn Rectenwald, Saturday, April 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm in Baker Fellowship Hall. Katelyn and Justin are registered at <https://mybabylist.com/katelyn-justin-rectenwald>

Holy Week services

Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20 at **10:30 am**

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Bill Troutman - stroke
- Joyce Coates-mother of Doug Coates, Wayne UNC, cancer
- Jacob May-nephew of Ann Blanton, liver failure
- Melba Keathley- broken radius surgery recovery
- Joy Bayles - broken shoulder recovery
- Keith Wright- Open heart surgery recovery

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- William Kelly
- Brenda Schroeder
- Dorothy Cain-mother of Sonny Cain
- David Caccamo- father of Pastor Savannah

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.