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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022

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.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Alice Adams

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God knows us before we are born.

People: **God creates and consecrates us.**

Leader: Listen for God's call speaking through the Spirit

People: **We are ready to hear and respond! Let us worship God.**

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#482 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen. We rationalize our way out of doing what you desire. We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own inadequacies. You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you. Transform us. Encourage us. Make us steadfast in faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's grace is abundant. God's redemption is free to receive. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Alleluia. Amen.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 33: 1-9

(pew Bible page 611)

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#281 (Blue)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 5: 17- 42

(pew Bible page 774)

SERMON

"The Whole Gospel Message"

Michael Sykes

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)

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing.

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

#108 (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)

God of abundance and steadfast love, you provide for us in ways we do not always know or recognize. You have prepared and provided for us since before we were born. Receive these tokens of our gratitude and bless them. May the gifts we return to you provide for others in a way that gives glory to you and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BLESSING (Responsive)

Leader: God calls; Christ saves;

People: **The Spirit sends us into mission and ministry.**

Leader: May we leave this house of worship knowing the grace, hope, peace and love of God:
People: **Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. 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.*



The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of DJ and Cindy Jarman's 41st anniversary by Katharine, Laura and Leigh Ann.

This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Session meeting
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 Communion

Peace and Global Witness is a special offering sanctioned by the Presbytery.

What does it do: addresses refugees and others hurt by violence, poverty, lack of education and lack of opportunity

Where does it work: 75% of our offering supports established and newly formed programs around the world. In addition, 25% stays in the Mount Olive community to support what this church thinks is important.

When can we give: next Sunday, October 2nd, World Wide Communion Sunday. (Please make checks payable to MOPC and designate Peace and Global Witness.)

Who we are: a single congregation who can participate in this larger work to make an impact in the world.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 10 am usually in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians. No pre-reading or homework is necessary to participate. The group takes time for prayer and sharing as well as study, laughter and singing a hymn or two. Tuesday, Sept. 27, the group will meet at its regular time at Southern Grounds coffee shop near Food Lion for fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.

MOPC is continuing its **Backpack Buddies** outreach program this school year. John and Frances Sykes, along with assistance from Michael Williams, are preparing 20 backpacks each week with 10 going to Carver Elementary students and 10 going to Mt. Olive Middle students.

OWS has kicked off the **Stewardship campaign** this month and has mailed Stewardship letters and pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card, extra cards are available on the bulletin table. Cards will be received over two Sundays, October 16 and October 23. Please prayerfully consider your support for the coming year.

Remember **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 hand-made items from local vendors.



Lessons from lilies

Recently I was challenged to think about what consumes me — and what distracts me from giving God more. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tells us not to worry about what we eat, drink and wear. I’ve read those verses numerous times and usually respond, “Yeah, but the birds and lilies don’t have mortgages and bills! How can I not worry?” I’m finally realizing that if I put Christ first, then my trust in him affects my day-to-day decisions. Plus, negative thoughts start to fade.

When do you respond, “Yeah, but ...” to God? Maybe it’s when you want to sleep in on Sunday, or when the offering plate is passed, or when you’re asked to teach Sunday school. Try reciting Matthew 6:33 often: “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (ESV). When we prioritize Jesus, he guides us toward him and away from worries.

—Julie Lee

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Taylor Dail, (Harvey and Sandra Dail's son, massive stroke, Wake Med ICU)

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.)
- 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 (chemotherapy)
- 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.