

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
1st Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

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.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Genesis 2: 15-3:4; Romans 6:23)

Leader: The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

People: And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Leader: Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

People: The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"

Leader: But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die.."

People: The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#260(Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 32)

God's ways are right, and when we have refused to follow them, we have discovered how right they are. Let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; Open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (unison)

Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

There in God's Garden

Imre and Scott

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

(pew Bible pages 682, 683)

SERMON

"Deliver Us from the Evil One"

Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

#403 (Blue)

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

***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.

*HYMN

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

#333 (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

*(*Please stand as you are able.)*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship Congregational Meeting
	1:00 pm	Session Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	9:00 am	Girl Scout Troop 389
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

There is a **Congregational Meeting** today following the Worship Service to present the budget.

The **Session** meets today at 1 pm.

Worship Attendance: Feb. 19th - 72
Ash Wednesday Service - 42

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Carl Warren, (uncle of Cathy Mason, hospice)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Brenda Schroeder, heart and knee issue
- Vennie Jordan (mother of Selena Bennett, surgery to repair/replace hardware from previous surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (heart issues)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Aubrey Blizzard, Feb. 17
- Shelton Blanton, Jan. 18

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- 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. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Bob.

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.

