

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
World Communion Sunday
October 2, 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: I will tell of your glory:

People: **O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: In the great congregation I will sing your praise:

People: **O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#276 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ, who stooped down to save us from our sin but rose in honor and glory to reign forever. Therefore let us seek God's grace as we join together in our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: What are we that God is mindful of us? Who are we that God should care for us? Yet God now calls us beloved children; Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers. This is the good news of God's grace: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:27-38 (pew Bible page 714)

*HYMN Spirit of the Living God #322 (Blue)

SERMON Identity Check Deky Hall

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT 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

CONSECRATING THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

You have met us at the table, Lord Jesus, to unite us with you and with brothers and sisters around the world. Go with us now into that world, that we might be a living sign of hope amid persecution, of peace amid violence, of living faith amid a culture of skepticism, and of loving kindness toward the earth and all people and creatures. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

#399 (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.*

*BLESSING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD (unison)

Abundant God, prophecy says you are coming with the clouds for every eye to see. Until that day, may the tithes and offerings we bring each week and may our prayers and our actions do the holy work of making your reign real in our community and in this world in need. Amen

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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.*



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	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00 am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

Today we will receive the **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering** (Please make checks payable to MOPC and designate Peace and Global Witness.)

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.

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, farm raised meats, baked goods and handmade items from local vendors.

A prayer for peace

St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Committee Chairs & Members – 2022

Clerk of Session – Lynn Williams

Administration, Personnel & Planning Committee

John Sykes—**Chair, Session Representative**
Robin McSwain
Selena Bennett

Spiritual Growth, Nurture, & Care Committee (SGN&C)

DJ Jarman (2022) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**

Bob Boyd – **Co-Chair**

Barry Giddings

Bobby James

Susan James

Kitsie Jones

Sherry Smith

Don Hargrove

Julie Graham

Margaret Anderson

Christian Education Committee (CE)

Charlotte Stentz (2024) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**

Maureen Keathley – **Co-Chair**

Judith Graves

Melba Keathley

Building & Grounds Committee (B & G)

Graham Bennett (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Ralph Schroeder (2024)

Gordon Bennett

Jim Roten

Michael Williams (2023)

Finance Committee

Megan Anderson (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Patsy West (2024)

Melba Keathley (**Church Treasurer**)

Worship Committee

Lynda Roten (2023) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Joy Bayles

Cathy Price

Tena Boyd

Cathy Mason

Cindy Jarman

Robin McSwain

Ralph Schroeder (2024)

Outreach, Witness & Stewardship Committee (OWS)

Mary Ann Wright – **Chair**

Frances Sykes

Keith Wright

Alice Adams

Lynn Williams

Alma Mooring (2023) – **Session representative**

Wendy Ford

Meeting Schedule

Session – 4th Sunday at 1 pm

SGN&C– 2nd Sunday after Worship

Worship – 2nd Sunday after Worship

Finance– 3rd Sunday after Worship

OWS – 4th Sunday after Worship

CE – 4th Sunday after Worship

B&G – As-needed

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Taylor Dail, (Harvey and Sandra Dai's son, massive stroke, UNC Hillsborough for rehabilitation)

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)
- 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

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. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Rev. Diane.