

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19, 2025**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony Jones

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's mercy is abundant and God's love overflows.

**People: God sends us signs so that we might see.**

Leader: In Jesus, God reveals grace upon grace

**People: And invites us into joy and abundance.**

\*HYMN

Sing of God Made Manifest

#156 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, your timing is perfect, and yet we often push for our own timelines. We fail to see your signs when they are revealed to us. We doubt that you are truly a God of abundance. It's easier to trust the things of the world than to lean entirely on you. We want to be better, but we are scared. Create in us a clean heart. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully, full of joy and abundance. Through Christ 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 Demuyneck

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 62:1-5      p. 529 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING      John 2:1-11      p. 751 (pew Bible)

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

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

(\*Please stand as you are able.)



**This Week's Activities**

|           |          |                                    |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Today     | 11:00 am | Worship                            |
| Monday    | 3:45 pm  | Senior Fitness                     |
| 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                    |
| Sunday    | 10:00 am | Children's and Adult Sunday School |
|           | 11:00 am | Worship                            |
|           | 1:00 pm  | Session                            |

**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 **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles Anderson on what would be his 77th birthday by Margaret Anderson and family.

**Financial Report**

**As of November 30, 2024----General Fund:**

|                | <b>Month to Date</b> | <b>Year to Date</b> |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Revenues | \$12,978.46          | \$151,312.92        |
| Total Expenses | \$16,182.09          | \$150,540.71        |
| Net Total      | (\$3,203.63)         | \$772.21            |

**As of November 30, 2024-----Building Fund:**

|                | <b>Month to Date</b> | <b>Year to Date</b> |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Revenues | \$2,325.00           | \$28,533.25         |
| Total Expenses | \$0.00               | \$27,693.39         |
| Net Total      | \$2,325.00           | \$839.86            |

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Carl Rivenbark— Abdominal aortic aneurysm
- Peggy Barwick—neck injury from fall
- Ann Blanton- eye surgery recovery
- Brenda Schroeder- physical therapy at home

### Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Benjamin and Jill Wicks - brother and sister in law of Steven Wicks
- Everette Coates - father of Doug Coates
- Ann Williamson - mother of Cheryl Kornegay
- Pam Wood

### 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](mailto: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.

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