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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Labor Day
September 4, 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 (based on Psalm 16)

Leader: You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.

People: **Everything that is good comes from You Lord!**

Leader: You give me guidance and make my heart glad,

People: **You lead me on the path of life.**

Leader: In Your presence there is fullness of joy,

People: **In Your kingdom there is fulfillment forever!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

#418 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Matthew 6:19-21, 24)

Leader: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Let us together confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Lord, we confess that we have stored up treasure on earth, placing our trust in our possessions and our money. We have made work into our master, letting work invade the time you give us to rest, to fellowship with others, and to worship. At other times we “make do” and “get by” in our work, rather than working with our whole heart. We have been overwhelmed by worry and stress, forgetting to place our work in your hands and to trust you for the harvest. We have resented our bosses, unfairly judged our coworkers, and lorded it over those we supervise. Forgive all of our sins because of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Matthew 6:25-26; 11:28-30)

Leader: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Friends believe the good news and be at peace:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 4:1-6

(pew Bible page 344)

Artisan or Craftsperson (Wendy Ford): As artists, craftspeople, and those who are creative, may the Holy Spirit inspire the work of our heart and hands, that we might offer enduring beauty to the world.

Retiree (John Sykes): As those retired from many years of work, may we enjoy the gift of rest, encourage one another, pray for the church, and mentor the next generation.

All: In all our daily labors, even amidst dull routine or frustrating demands, may we hear the call to serve the Lord.

Leader: Take a few moments now to pray and meditate on your daily work—its joys, challenges, worries, and relationships—and how these might be more fully dedicated to God in the coming year.

[Time of silent meditation and prayer]

Leader: Amen. With grateful hearts we bring the offerings of our lives and labor to the Lord. May what we produce, what we pray, how we act, and where we place our priorities show that we desire to serve God with all our hearts through the ministries of this congregation.

All: Enabled by Christ's love, we shall endeavor to make each day's work a sacrament: work and worship interwoven. We will work with all our heart as unto the Lord, knowing that it is Jesus Christ we serve. O Master Workman, cleanse our work from selfishness, impatience, and desire for recognition. Forgive us, train us, and use us for your glory. Accept the offerings we bring and bless them and us to your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*DOXOLOGY

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: When you work, work as though working for the Lord.
When you rest, rest in the sovereign grace of God

And when you celebrate, celebrate as those who are known and loved by Christ

**People: We go now in the grace and forgiveness of our Savior,
and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*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.*



Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joshua H. Smith by Jeffrey and Sherry Smith and family.

This Week's Activities

Today	10:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	8:00am	Walking Club
	10:00am	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:45am	Men's Group
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	11:00am	Worship

Change in Sunday Worship Start Time: The Session approved returning the start of worship to 11 am. This change will begin on next Sunday, September 11.

The Farmer's Market will continue every Saturday, 8am - 11am, through Oct. 29 in the parking lot here at MOPC. Come shop and buy your vegetables, baked items and hand-made Christmas gifts.

A new crib for the nursery has been graciously given to the MOPC by Jeffrey and Sherry Smith in memory of Joshua H. Smith.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group starts back this Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Fellowship Hall and will be studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians. All are welcome.

Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 pm. We welcome back our seasoned singers and would love to have new members to join us. Please contact Cathy Mason or any choir member for more information.

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Pete Sargent and Kaitlyn Edwards and celebrating Sienna Elizabeth Sargent, Sunday, Sept. 11 from 2 pm–4 pm in the MOPC Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target, Walmart, and Amazon.

OWS kicks off the **Stewardship campaign** this month. There will be a covered dish fellowship luncheon on Sept 18th.

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)

- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer surgery and treatment)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Sherry Smith, hernia surgery
- Carl and Frances Rivenbark, (recent Covid and other health issues)
- Corporal Logan Cox and Deputy Ramon Torres, (Wayne County Deputies wounded in the line of duty.)
- Sonny Cain's father, beginning treatments for prostate cancer.
- 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 (Ablation treatment)
- 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)

- Sgt. Matthew Fishman, Aug. 2 (Wayne County Deputy killed in the line of duty)
- Pat Blann, July 11 (Janet Kennedy's sister)
- Jim Holland, July 8

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.