

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 2022

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As Jesus called to Zacchaeus, so he calls to us

People: **Jesus longs to abide with us:**

Leader: Here in this place, in our homes, and wherever the body of Christ is gathered.

People: **Jesus invites us, just as we are.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who calls us by name, who came to seek and save the lost.

People: **Let us praise God's name together!**

*HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

#441 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Saving God, we confess that we are caught in systems of privilege and power, and escape can feel impossible. It is easier to give our sacrifices and offerings than to work to change the systems. We confess our complicity in injustice, our comfort in inequality and our ease in stretching out hands in prayer rather than service. Forgive us, God. Strengthen us to answer Jesus's call to repentance, that we may learn to do good, seek justice and serve the oppressed. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's promises are sure, and God's faithfulness is from generation to generation.
We are forgiven and reconciled by the grace of Jesus Christ. Salvation is here!

People: **Amen.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6: 27-38

(pew Bible page 729)

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

#367 (Blue)

SERMON

"So You Think You are a Good Person"

Bryan Williamson

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) 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

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

#538 (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)

Holy God, as we offer our gifts, we ask that you use them to strengthen the ministry of your church, to meet the needs in our community and to bring us closer to reconciliation and restoration in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.*

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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	9:00 am	Girl Scouts Troop 389
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship



Don't forget to "Fall Back" (turn your clocks back one hour) next Sunday so you won't arrive early for worship.

Our speaker, next Sunday, Nov. 6 will be **Mary Kay Best**. **Kathy Larson** will be our speaker on Nov. 13.

Stewardship: If you have not had the opportunity to turn in your pledge card for 2023, you may do so today by placing it in the offering plate. Extra cards are on the tables with the bulletins.

A reminder that Church office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 2 pm and Wednesdays 9 am to 12 pm. The office is closed Mondays and Fridays.

Announcements for the bulletin should be submitted no later than 11 am on Tuesday to be included in that Sunday's bulletin.

Announcements for the newsletter should be submitted no later than the 25th to go in the following month's newsletter.

A Communications request form should be completed in writing. Forms are available in the closet with the mailboxes near the office.

Church Leadership

Elder Class of 2022

Megan Anderson
Graham Bennett
D.J. Jarman
John Sykes

Elder Class of 2023

Alma Mooring
Lynda Roten
Michael Williams

Elder Class of 2024

Ralph Schroeder
Charlotte Stentz
Patsy West

Clerk of Session

Lynn Williams

Organist/Choir Director

Cathy Mason

Office Administrator

Cindy Jarman

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Robert Wall, (friend of the Bennetts, health issues and possible surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (radiation treatments for prostate cancer begin Nov. 3 and also other health concerns)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Taylor Dail, (Harvey and Sandra Dail's son, in New Bern with his parents for outpatient physical therapy)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, remission of lymphoma)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- Mitzi Lesher-Thomas (brain tumor)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- J. B. Price, Oct. 20
- Lee Sargent, Oct. 19
- Karl Graves, Oct. 8
- 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.



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