

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
18th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 22, 2024**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin McSwain

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*HYMN

Spirit

#291 (Purple)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are the people

People: **Who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of the people who make fun of others.**

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: **And they meditate on God's law day and night.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

People: **But the way of the wicked will perish.**

\*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

#839 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you: in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS      The Gloria Patri      #581 (Purple)

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RECOGNITION OF LONGEST AND NEWEST MEMBERS

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN      Rev. Savannah Demuynck

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

SCRIPTURE READING      James 3:13-4:3      (pew Bible) p. 855, 856

ANTHEM

O God, Who Gives Us Live

arr. A. Sullivan

O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
Who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb;  
Deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.

O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,  
To plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there;  
When we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,  
Refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.

O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,  
Your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,  
As on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.

SERMON

“Where is Wisdom?”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

\*HYMN

When We Are Living

#822 (Purple)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ 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.**

\*OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

#606 (Purple)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

\*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.)

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**This Week's Activities**

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session Meeting
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	10:30 am	150th Anniversary Worship Fellowship Luncheon



The 150th Anniversary worship service next Sunday begins at 10:30 am. There will be no Sunday School.

The older **blue hymnals** are now available for your selection before or after church today, September 29 and October 6. They are located in the library and have been sorted using the last name of person honored or memorialized. This should facilitate selection. Any hymnals remaining after October 6 will be donated to Spring Hill Presbyterian Church should they have a continued need for them.

**MOPC's 150th Anniversary is next week!** We will have a Fellowship Luncheon immediately following worship. BBQ, fried chicken, coleslaw, hushpuppies and beverages will be provided. Members of the congregation are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. As we anticipate a larger crowd at this luncheon and want to ensure we have enough food for all, you are asked to please bring more than you would for a normal fellowship luncheon. Please see Margaret Anderson or Kitsie Jones of the Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Committee with any questions.

**Elder Class of 2024**

Ralph Schroeder  
Charlotte Stentz Price  
Patsy West

**Elder Class of 2025**

Margaret Anderson  
Robin McSwain  
Keith Wright

**Elder Class of 2026**

Joy Bayles  
Gordon Bennett  
Lisa Dismore

**Clerk of Session**

Lynn Williams

**Moderator**

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Paul Williams—tonsillectomy
- Betty Lou Kornegay—fall
- Brenda Schroeder –Rex, health concern
- Charlotte Price—heart attack, stent placement
- Jorge West-foot issues
- Eddie Best– health concerns

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Ann Blanton– mouth & eye issues

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain

## 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.