

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**February 25, 2024**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Mark 8:34-37)

Leader: "Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

**People: For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.**

Leader: What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

**People: Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN

O Christ, the Great Foundation

#482 (Blue)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (1 John 1:9)

“If we confess our sins, God can be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” By God’s great mercy, our sins are forgiven.

## \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

**“Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save me from its guilt and power.”**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

## ANTHEM

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

arr. L. Larson

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;

O spirit, stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.  
Lord, teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING                      Acts 25:1-26:32                      (pew Bible p.792, 793)

SERMON                                      "Are You Crazy?"                      Pastor Bob Bardin

## 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**

\*HYMN                                      A Mighty Fortress is Our God                      #260 (Blue)

\*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.**

## 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*POSTLUDE

*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

## This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship Congregational Meeting
	1:00 pm	Session Meeting
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:00 am	Girl Scout Troup 389
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:30 pm	Committee Leadership Luncheon

**The church's annual congregational and corporate meeting** will be held immediately following worship today, February 25. A brief overview of the church budget will be presented.

**MOPC Committee Leadership Luncheon set for March 3!** Elders, MOPC committee chairpersons, and committee members are invited to attend a luncheon Sunday, March 3 immediately after worship. Hosted by the Administration, Personnel and Planning (APP) Committee, the goal for the day is to equip our committees with the information they need to be successful in their roles of service and ministry. Lunch will be provided. Plan to attend for the food, fellowship, learning, and fun! *Please RSVP to your committee chairperson by Feb. 25.* Questions - see Lynn Williams, Selena Bennett, Alma Mooring or Robin McSwain.

Every time we set a table where all hungry hearts can eat; every time we welcome neighbors and we add an extra seat; and every time we live as servants, free to wash each other's feet, IN OUR LIVING, IN OUR GIVING, WE ARE THERE. You are invited to think of one person's need this week that is greater than your own. **One Great Hour of Sharing**, now through March 31st.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)
- Rudy Hooks– UTI and heart issues

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Maxine Summerlin– fainting episodes
- Brenda Schroeder– AFib
- Vanessa, (kindergarten student, brain tumor)
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister, liver and bone cancer)

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Dr. Hervy Kornegay
- Ralph Hollingsworth
- Ethan Edwards, (friend of the Williams' family)

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- 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 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 Bob.

## **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.

