

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
3rd Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 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: Everyone who thirsts:

**People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness:

**People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

Leader: All who need the help of God:

**People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

\*HYMN

Ho, All Who Thirst

#479 (Purple)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts are not your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Luke 13:1-9      p. 738 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Canon of Praise

arr. H Hopson

All within me bless the Lord, all within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me,  
 Bless his holy name. O bless the Lord, O bless his holy name.  
 O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good. We remember all his love,  
 He crowns our lives with hope and truth. God the Lord is gracious, his mercy is the same forever.  
 As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own.  
 Those who love the Lord shall claim, shall claim his ever-present help. O bless the lord,  
 O all within me bless his holy name. O bless the Lord, O bless his holy name.

SERMON

“God’s Way or the Highway”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

\*HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

#792 (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

\*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

*\* Worshipers who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*



**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	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

**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 **Session** will meet today at 1:00 p.m.

**Easter Lily Order forms** are included in the bulletin today. Each Easter lily will be \$16.00. Make checks payable to MOPC and designate for lily on the check. Drop your order and check in the offering plate or the red box in the office area. **Order deadline is Monday, March 31.**

**Church Leadership**

**Elder Class of 2025**

Margaret Anderson  
Robin McSwain  
Keith Wright

**Elder Class of 2026**

Joy Bayles  
Gordon Bennett  
Lisa Dismore

**Elder Class of 2027**

Martin Bayles  
D. J. Jarman\*  
Kitsie Jones  
(\*Clerk of Session)

**Moderator**

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Melba Keathley- broken radius surgery recovery
- Joy Bayles - broken shoulder
- Keith Wright- Open heart surgery recovery

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- William Kelly
- Brenda Schroeder
- David Caccamo- father of Pastor Savannah

### 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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