

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
19th Sunday after Pentecost
150th Anniversary
September 29, 2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC The Water is Wide arr. B. Adams
Dr. Bill Ford, saxophone

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Savannah Demuyck

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERY Rev. Katie Cashwell

PRELUDE Second Prelude arr. G. Gershwin
Dr. Bill Ford, saxophone

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **Praise God in his sanctuary;**

Leader: praise him in his mighty firmament!

People: **Praise him for his mighty deeds;**

Leader: praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

People: **Praise the Lord!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Mighty God, we give you thanks that by your power you created us, and by your goodness you call us to be your people. We confess that we have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, you 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Lamentations 3:19-26 p. 584 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 12:35-46 p. 737 (pew Bible)

ANTHEM Psalm 150 Dr. Carl P. Ashley

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise him for His mighty acts; Praise Him, Praise Him!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness, praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise the Lord. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet.

Praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance,

Praise Him with string'd instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals, Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

SERMON "Faithfulness" Rev. Steven A. Wicks

*HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness #39 (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

Halverson Benediction

Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has a purpose in you being there. Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do through you where you are. Believe it and go in the grace and power and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Richard Halverson, D.D., US Senate Chaplain Feb. 1981-Dec. 1994

DEDICATION OF THE STEEPLE CROSS

Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin

Please take your bulletin insert and proceed to the parking lot for the dedication of the Steeple Cross.



This Week's Activities

Today	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Luncheon
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	11:00 am	Worship/Communion

Welcome to Mount Olive Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. Thank you for joining us to celebrate 150 years together. A special thank you to the former pastors who have joined us today, especially Rev. Steven Wicks and Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin for their participation in today's service.

The **altar flowers** are given today to the glory of God and in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to all who contributed to our music for today, Dr. Carl Ashley, Dr. Bill Ford, and the MOPC choir! Carl composed our anthem especially for our congregation to commemorate our sesquicentennial. Thank you for these inspiring sounds!

The **Two Cents A Meal** offering will be collected next Sunday, Oct. 6. The amount received on Sept. 1 was \$112.26.

The older **blue hymnals** are now available for your selection before or after church today, and next Sunday, 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.

You are invited to join us for a **Fellowship Luncheon** today in Baker Fellowship Hall after the dedication of the steeple cross.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Paul Williams—tonsillectomy
- Betty Lou Kornegay—fall
- Brenda Schroeder –Rex, health concerns

Ongoing Concerns

- Charlotte Price—heart attack, stent placement
- Jorge West-foot issues
- Eddie Best- health concerns
- 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

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

Charter Members

It was on September 29, 1874, that the Reverend Alexander Kirkland, Evangelist for Wilmington Presbytery and Stated Supply for Oak Plain Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill, North Carolina, organized this church with the following charter members:

Henry Broadhurst	Miss Mary Hodges
Mrs. Sarah A. Broadhurst	James A. Shine
Miss Sarah Broadhurst	Mrs. Eliza Shine
Mrs. Euphenia Broadhurst	Mrs. Caroline C. Shine
Benjamin Carr	Robert J. Southerland
Miss Florida Carr	Mrs. Anna Witherington Southerland
Mrs. Mary F. Carr	Mrs. Ellen Tolar Southerland
Mrs. Elizabeth Carr	Mrs. Sarah Cain Southerland

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.