

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Wright

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

People: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

Leader: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

People: In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

*HYMN

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

#69 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and the politics of live. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, in Jesus' name, we pray. 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 Demuynck
Two Cents a Meal Offering

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 p. 813, 814 (pew Bible)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 p. 533, 534 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

We Hold You in Our Hearts

M. McDonald

Giving hands, giving hearts; giving life to make a brand new start, Giving joy, giving love; drawing closer to visions of Your love.

Giving hope, giving care; giving help to people everywhere. Showing mercy, sharing grace; pressing on until we win the race!

In our hearts, the lord of mercy; in our hearts, the One true God of grace.

We are bounded by our faith; joined together by Your Spirit, rejoicing in Your presence, we hold You in our hearts.

Join our hands, join our hearts; join our lives to make a brand new start.

Give us joy, give us love; draw us close to the vision of Your love,

In our hearts, the lord of mercy; in our hearts, the One true God of grace.

We are bounded by our faith; joined together by Your Spirit, rejoicing in Your presence, we hold You in our hearts.

SERMON

“Pluck and Plant ”

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

*HYMN

Take My Life

#697 (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

#592 (Purple)

*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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*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.)*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship Congregational 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	Children's and 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.

We will be collecting the **Two Cents A Meal Offering** today.

Session Summary Session met on January 26 for their stated meeting. They approved Wanda Starling and David Carlson for membership (yay!). Session received a report from Lynn Williams regarding the potential partnership with the Learning Studio. This is a group through the Wayne County Public Library who would share our space in the education building several afternoons a week. Session is considering the partnership and letting them use our building beginning in June. No decisions have been made yet. Session approved 2025 communion dates, a fellowship meal on March 9 and a leadership luncheon on March 2. They also approved the corporate officers and elected D.J. Jarman as the Clerk of Session. It was a busy meeting, but we got a lot done!

The **Service Circle** will meet Monday, February 10th, at 7 pm in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

Senior Fitness class is designed to address flexibility and balance. Each exercise usually has two ability levels, moderate and more challenging. A good portion of the class is done sitting down and the standing portion encourages safety by optionally holding onto the back of a chair for balance. The instructor is certified and adapts the class for seniors. Meeting time is Mondays at 3:45 until 4:30 in the fellowship hall. You do not need to sign up. Come join us!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Carl Rivenbark— Abdominal aortic aneurysm
- Peggy Barwick—neck injury from fall
- Ann Blanton- eye surgery recovery
- Brenda Schroeder- physical therapy at home

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Benjamin and Jill Wicks - brother and sister in law of Steven Wicks
- Everette Coates - father of Doug Coates
- Ann Williamson - mother of Cheryl Kornegay
- Pam Wood

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

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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