

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. J. Jarman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a deer longs for streams of water

People: So my soul longs for you, O God.

Leader: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love

People: And at night his song is with me

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul? Why are you so disquieted within me?

People: Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my savior and my God.

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#35 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, the diversity in your creation amazes us, but we confess we prefer what seems familiar. We'd like everyone to speak our language. We wish others held our values and shared our customs. We don't always recognize how our actions affect other people in harmful ways. Forgive our familiar assumptions and open our hearts to the stories and suffering of others.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: People of God, hear the 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

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65: 1-9 p. 531 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 8:26-39

P. 732 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Strange Encounter”

Allison Cooper

*HYMN

In Christ Called to Baptize

#297 (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

*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
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

The **altar flowers** today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Megan Beth Roberts by Jim and Lynda Roten and Kimber.

We welcome Allison Cooper as our guest speaker today. Alli grew up and attended college in Holland, Michigan. In August 2020, she moved to Durham to attend Duke Divinity School for her Master of Divinity degree. She and her husband, Matt Cooper now reside in Cary. When not working on PCUSA ordination papers and exams, she works at Duke Divinity School in the External Relations Office engaging with donors and Divinity alumni.

We thank Mary Ann Wright for sharing her talent as the pianist today.

The **Two Cents a Meal Offering** collected in June was \$88.58. The next offering will be collected Sunday, July 6.

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)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Sonny Cain– hernia surgery
- Ann Kennedy– recovery at home
- Sarah Varner, sister in law of Lynn Dail, chemo treatments
- Wendy Hardison–back surgery
- Joyce Coates–mother of Doug Coates, cancer treatments

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Janet Whitfield–sister of Faye Porter
- Ralph– brother of Maxine Summerlin

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Carl Rivenbark
- 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 an immediate concern, please call D. J. Jarman, Clerk of Session at 919 222 9526.

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.

