

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
10th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion  
August 6, 2023**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

GATHERING MUSIC

Vocalise

S. Rachmaninoff  
Bill Ford, Saxophone

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

The Old Castle

M. Mussorgsky  
Bill Ford, Saxophone

CALL TO WORSHIP (sung in unison)

**“Come, Christians, join to sing**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Loud praise to Christ our King,**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all with heart and voice,**

**Before His throne rejoice;**

**Praise is his gracious choice;**

**Alleluia! Amen!”**

Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

“Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.”

Let us confess our sins together 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 (unison)

**“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that through him the world might be saved.” Because of God’s great gift, our sins, though many, are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

**“Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.”**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

Reverie

C. Debussy  
Bill Ford, Saxophone

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8: 26-40

(pew Bible p. 777)

SERMON

“What Can Stand in the Way?”

Pastor Bob Bardin

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

#513 (Blue)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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**

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Sending

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's 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

### \*POSTLUDE

(\*Please stand as you are able.)

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### This Week's Activities

Today	10:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00 am	Community Farmers Market
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship

The **altar flowers** are given today to the glory of God and in memory of Anna and Aubrey Blizzard on what would have been their 2nd birthday by Cathy Price.

**Special music time** - we would like to thank Bill Ford for sharing his talent with us today.

Upcoming special music

Aug. 13 Women's Chorus

Ralph Schroeder

Aug. 20 Liturgical Dance

Alice Adams and Ralph Schroeder

Aug. 27 CanaanLand

We will collect the **2 Cents A Meal Offering** today.

**Summer Vespers 2023 at the Creek** Join Lisa Dismore and friends at Sleepy Creek on Thursday evenings at 6 pm this summer at the Chapel. We will experience contemplative prayer practices (from over the centuries.) These simple practices are intended to help strengthen your relationship with God and one another.

You are invited to a **Wedding Shower for Carter Jones and Regan Tart** on Sunday, August 13 from 3-5 p.m. in Baker Fellowship Hall. The couple is registered at Royal China and Gifts in Clinton and Crate & Barrel. More registry information is available on their wedding website at <https://www.theknot.com/us/regan-tart-and-carter-jones-oct-2023/registry>. For other questions, see Lynn Williams or Joy Bayles. Please join us as we celebrate Carter and Regan!

**The Mt. Olive Community Farmer's Market** sponsored by MOPC continues on Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm through October in our parking lot. Vendors have fresh, local produce, tasty baked goods, farm fresh meat and eggs, unique handmade gifts and local honey.

**July 30 Attendance-** 61

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

- Rudy Hooks, UTI complications

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Joe Giddings, (Barry Giddings' brother, heart and other issues)
- Tracy Draughon, (Dr. Scott Draughon's wife, lung cancer)
- Susie Cox, (Lynda Roten's sister in law, hip replacement surgery)
- Joyce Coates, (Doug Coates' mother, lung cancer surgery)
- Everett Coates, (Doug Coates' father, kidney dialysis)
- Eddie Best, (Brenda Schroeder's brother, aneurysm)
- Lorraine Kornegay, cancer
- Virginia Matthews, (Megan Kornegay's mom, hip replacement complications)
- Peggy Barwick, blood pressure issues
- Lynda Roten, tibial plateau fracture

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Jason Dail, July 30

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- 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 and e-newsletter 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.

