

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
5th Sunday in Lent  
April 6, 2025**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Sargent

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: **We were like those who dream.**

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

People: **We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."**

Leader: May those who go out weeping, nearing the seeds for sowing,

People: **Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

\*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

#1 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION



**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Philippians 3:4-14      p. 832 (pew Bible)

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 43:16-21      p. 515 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM      God of Creation      J. Raney

God of creation, our trust is in you, covenant God, ever faithful and true;  
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord, now and forever your name be adored.  
God of creation, all powerful, all wise; Lord of the universe rich with surprise,  
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all, We are your children you hear when we call.  
God of your people, your Word stands fast, do for us now as you've done in the past.  
Nations and empires your purpose fulfill, moving in freedom, yet working your will!  
God of creation, all powerful, all wise, Lord of the universe rich with surprise,  
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord, now and forever your name be adored.  
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.  
God of creation, all powerful, all wise. Lord of the universe rich with surprise;  
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all. We are your children, Lord: Ruler of all.  
We are your children — you hear when we call.

SERMON      "A New Thing"      Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

\*HYMN

Here in This Place

#401 (Purple)

\*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

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



**This Week's Activities**

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	12:10 pm	Called 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/Communion

**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.

## Called Session Meeting

There will be a called Session meeting today immediately following worship.

## MOPC Scholarships

It is time for scholarship applications to be submitted for the 2025-26 academic year. The APP Committee has set the ***application deadline for April 30, 2025***. Candidates for scholarship(s) must be a member of MOPC and be actively engaged in the life of this church during his/her high school years. Applications are available on the church website, <https://www.mountolivepresbyterianchurch.org/> Please see the Scholarship email sent on March 27 for the current Scholarship policy.

## Baby Shower Invitation

Join us for a baby shower honoring mom-to-be Katelyn Rectenwald, Saturday, April 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm in Baker Fellowship Hall. Katelyn and Justin are registered at <https://mybabylist.com/katelyn-justin-rectenwald>

## Session Summary

Session met for their stated meeting on March 23. March was an active month in the life of MOPC. We had a leadership luncheon, a fellowship luncheon, two funerals and a funeral workshop. It was reported that all of the previously mentioned events went well. Session decided to hold the Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 18 at 6:30 pm. They also decided to move the Easter service on April 20 to 10:30 to accommodate the longer service. Finally, I reported to Session that my last day at MOPC will be May 11. Session will meet again in the coming weeks to discuss next steps for the transition.

## Holy Week services

- Palm Sunday with Communion, April 13 at 11 am
- Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 18 at 6:30 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 am

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Joyce Coates-mother of Doug Coates, Wayne UNC, cancer
- Jacob May-nephew of Ann Blanton, liver failure
- Melba Keathley- broken radius surgery recovery
- Joy Bayles - broken shoulder recovery
- Keith Wright- Open heart surgery recovery

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- William Kelly
- Brenda Schroeder
- Dorothy Cain-mother of Sonny Cain
- 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.