

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
1st Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ephesians 4)

Leader: "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

People: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

People: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty

#482 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Thessalonians 4:7)

“God is not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.”
Let us confess our sins 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 (from Ephesians 2)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”
By God’s grace, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness B. Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, Be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 24:1-27 (pew Bible p. 791, 792)

SERMON "Some Other Time" Pastor Bob Bardin

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

*HYMN Spirit #319 (Blue)

*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.

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)*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
	7:00 pm	APP meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School
		Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

SGN & C Committee will meet briefly in Baker Fellowship Hall immediately after church today.

Forms for the **new church directory** are on the bulletin table, if you have not filled one out. See Mike Saeger for more information or to have your picture taken.

A new adult Sunday School class began today, a study of the book, ***Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale***. It is not too late to join us for the class, next Sunday at 10 am, if you are interested.

MOPC Committee Leadership Luncheon set for March 3!

Elders, MOPC committee chairpersons, and committee members are invited to attend a luncheon Sunday, March 3 immediately after worship. Hosted by the Administration, Personnel and Planning (APP) Committee, the goal for the day is to equip our committees with the information they need to be successful in their roles of service and ministry.

Lunch will be provided. Plan to attend for the food, fellowship, learning, and fun! *Please RSVP to your committee chairperson by Feb. 25.*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)
- Rudy Hooks– UTI and heart issues

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Dr. Hervy Kornegay
- Maxine Summerlin– fainting episodes
- Brenda Schroeder– AFib
- Vanessa, (kindergarten student, brain tumor)
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister, liver and bone cancer)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Ralph Hollingsworth
- Ethan Edwards, (friend of the Williams' family)

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- 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 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.

