

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

People: **Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

Leader: For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**People: he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.**

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

**People: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

*HYMN

How Lovely, Lord

#207 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1: 9)

“If we confess our sins, God can be trusted to forgive our sins and to cleanse us of all that is wrong with us.” Let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Holy and merciful God,

In your presence we confess

our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy

help us to live in your light and abide in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS unison

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weighed down and tired of carrying a heavy burden. I will give you rest.” By the mercy of God, the burden of our sins is lifted from us. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Bob Bardin

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9: 1-4 (pew Bible page 489)

*GOSPEL READING John 1:1-14 (pew Bible page 750)

ANTHEM Holy Thy Name Arr. Fettke and Grassi

SERMON “I Saw the Light” Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN What A Friend We Have In Jesus #403 (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.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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

When We Are Living

400 (Blue)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session
Tuesday	8:00 am	Walking Club
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

The **American Red Cross** is experiencing an emergency need for blood. Hospital demand continues to outpace donations. As part of this congregation's commitment to health and physical well being, you are encouraged to support these drives if you are able. Southern Bank is sponsoring two drives at the Town Depot on Feb 21st and April 18th from 1 pm- 6 pm. The University of Mount Olive is also sponsoring a drive on February 7 at the Pope Wellness Center from 10 am—2:30 pm. The public is welcome to all three drives.

You may sign up for any of these drives by visiting the website, www.redcrossblood.org and typing 28365 beside Make An Appointment, choosing the drive you prefer and available appointment time or contact Wendy Ford or Mary Ann Wright (for Southern Bank drives)

New Office Hours for 2023. The office will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 2 pm and Thursdays from 9 am. to 12 pm. Pastor Bob will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Worship Attendance: Jan. 15th-76

Church Leadership

Elder Class of 2023

Alma Mooring
Lynda Roten
Michael Williams

Elder Class of 2024

Ralph Schroeder
Charlotte Stentz Price
Patsy West

Elder Class of 2025

Margaret Anderson
Robin McSwain
Keith Wright

Clerk of Session

Lynn Williams

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin

Organist/Choir Director

Cathy Mason

Office Administrator

Cindy Jarman

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Landon Schroeder, knee injury
- Vennie Jordan (mother of Selena Bennett, surgery to repair/replace hardware from previous surgery)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Eleanor Ballance, (grandmother of Brittany Schroeder, stroke and fall)
- Brenda Schroeder, knee-related issues and preparation for knee surgery
- Gwyn Price (sister in law of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, hip replacement surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (chemotherapy)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, remission of lymphoma)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Shelton Blanton, Jan. 18
- Mary Kelly, Nov. 29

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.