

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord,

People: We will bless God's holy name

Leader: Do not forget the benefits of God.

People: God heals our diseases,

All: God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

*HYMN

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

314 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for failing to show mercy and compassion to others. Hold us accountable for feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and clothing the naked. Change the negative attitudes we have towards those who are struggling. Forgive us when we turn our backs on those in need. Remind us that we are not to judge others. We are the ones called to heal in your name. Take away our fear. Help us to live out of love and courage. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear and trust this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** The Gloria Patri #581 (Purple)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Joy Bayles

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 133 p. 443 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 5:17-26 p. 729 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Community of Faith”

Jeb Jeutter

***HYMN**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

#69 (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**

#606 (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.

* HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

#730 (Purple)

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
	1:30 pm	Session Meeting
Monday	1:30 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

We welcome Jeb Jeutter as our speaker today. He is a newly qualified Commissioned Ruling Elder, but a life-long Presbyterian! He and his wife Michelle have been active at, and raised three now-grown children, at White Memorial in Raleigh, where he serves on the pastoral care team and can always be talked into going on a youth or international mission trip. Jeb practiced law for 35 years in Texas, Raleigh and London, and retired in 2021 to answer this long felt call, and to enjoy time with their kids, and two grandsons. He enjoys Eastern NC, doing triathlons, reading and classic rock. (He has been to the Pickle Festival!)

Thank you to Mary Ann Wright for playing today in Cathy's absence.

Senior Fitness has been changed to 1:30 pm on Mondays until later this year.

Pulpit Supply: August 31—Clayton Brooks

The Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Committee typically serves a meal to the family when someone in our church family passes away. In lieu of doing our usual funeral meal at the time of Brenda's passing, the Schroeder family wanted to share a meal with their whole church family! Please join us for a **fellowship meal** immediately following worship on Sunday, September 14th. We are asking those in attendance to bring side dishes, desserts and beverages. Fried chicken will be provided. Please plan to join us for a time of fellowship and visitation with the Schroeder family.

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)

Moderator

Rev. Nick Nielsen

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Cathy Mason, hand injury and surgery
- John Summerlin, fall
- Doug Jones-brother of Major Jones, broken shoulder and hip in fall
- Joe Kubich -brother in law of Ann Kennedy, lung cancer chemo treatments
- Dee Stentz, pneumonia
- Sarah Varner -sister in law of Lynn Dail, chemo treatments

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Stotler Porter- father of Logan Porter
- Joyce Coates - mother of Doug Coates

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Carl Rivenbark
- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain
- Donna Fulghum

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.

