

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
7th Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Hargrove

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed,

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

People: Let all the peoples praise you.

*HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

#234 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN John Etheredge
Two Cents a Meal Offering

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23 p. 392 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14:15-21 P. 764 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Seeing Low, Sweet Chariot

Spiritual
Ralph Schroeder, soloist

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home, a band of angels coming after me,

Coming for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm coming too,

Coming for to carry me home.

The brightest day that ever I saw coming for to carry me home, when Jesus wash'd my sins away,

Coming for to carry me home.

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home, but still my soul feels heavenly bound,

Coming for to carry me home.

SERMON

“Working of the Holy Spirit in One’s Life”

John Etheredge

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#450 (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

*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

Christ Be Beside Me

#702 (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

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



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
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
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship/Communion

We welcome John Etheredge as our speaker today. John worked as a Safety Engineer for Georgia Pacific Corp for many years. He has completed lay pastor training, served on various PCUSA committees as a member or chair, led his church on mission trips to Santa Domingo and West Virginia and served two years as a mission worker in Ghana, West Africa.

We will collect the **Two Cents a Meal Offering** today.

Thank you to Ralph Schroeder for sharing his talent with us today.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 9am until 1pm here at the church. This year's theme is "Tell it on the Mountain!" Pick up a registration form today after worship or in the church office. Be sure to return your form by Sunday, June 15.

Graduate Sunday Do you know of any graduates? The Christian Education committee is planning for Graduate Sunday on June 15th to recognize those in our church family that have graduated from high school or college (undergraduate or graduate) this past school year. Please contact Lisa Dismore (lisaruth13@gmail.com) with your graduate's name, school, contact email and degree (if applicable). All graduates are invited to attend. Cap and gown is optional.

Summer is almost here, and you know what that means! The choir will be taking a well-deserved break for several weeks. We would love for you to use your special talents and volunteer for special music during the summer. Please contact Cathy at cathywmason@gmail.com or speak with her after service to be a part of our summer music offerings. Thank you!



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Sonny Cain– hernia surgery
- Ann Kennedy– recovery at home
- Sarah Varner, sister in law of Lynn Dail, mastectomy
- Wendy Hardison-back surgery
- Joyce Coates-mother of Doug Coates, cancer treatments

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Ralph– brother of Maxine Summerlin
- Jacob May—nephew of Ann Blanton

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Carl Rivenbark
- 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 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.

