

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 3, 2022**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Wright

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

**People: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.**

Leader: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

**People: There God's greatness stands majestically.**

Leader: God's greatness can be within the human heart.

**People: Let us honor and praise God as we worship together, and by acts of loving kindness and compassion.**

\*HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

#447 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist says, "How good it is for us to dwell in unity." God is always seeking to bring his people together, to reconcile us to Him and to one another. Let us confess our sins and seek forgiveness.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)**

**Gracious God, we are a people who strive with one another. Brothers strive against sisters; mothers and fathers strive against daughters and sons. We strive among races, among nations, among classes. We strive across the miles and across the ages. We strive in the Christian family, and in the human family. Forgive us, God. Help us to be like Joseph, whose brothers threw him away, but he forgave them and became their salvation. Help us to draw deeply on Jesus, who prayed for our unity; that we may be one. In his name we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** God has reconciled us to himself in Jesus Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. The dividing wall of hostility has been broken down. Our sins no longer divide us from God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed for service.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 96 (pew Bible page 426)

**\*HYMN** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #564 (Blue)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 25: 1-13 (pew Bible page 702)

**SERMON** “Coming to Judge” Rev. Diane Knauf

## TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

### 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**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles Creed (Modern English Version)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

#538 (Blue)

### SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*DEPARTING IN GRATITUDE:** *there are offering plates on either side of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and offerings.*

**\*BLESSING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD (unison)**

**We honor you, O gracious God. Accept the gifts of our time, talent and treasure as a sign of our obedience to you, our love for you and our desire to take your reign into the world. Transform us and our resources into a blessing for others, we pray. These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*DOXOLOGY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*SUNG 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.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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**This Week's Activities**

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	Walking Club
	10:00am	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:45am	Men's Group
<b>Thursday</b>	3:45pm	Chair Yoga
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Farmer's Market
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00am	Worship



**The 225th General Assembly** is under way in Louisville, KY. The GA meets every two years. The meeting runs through July 9th and items for consideration include a motion to write a new confession for our Book of Confessions. The GA is also looking at ways to help smaller congregations; and how best to acknowledge the leadership of Christian Educators in the PCUSA and the importance of life-long learning. Please be in prayer for the GA as it meets. The GA is a representative body made up of ministers and elders from every Presbytery in our nation, including New Hope Presbytery.

**Helping Others:** It's Sunday morning. You're just coming out of worship and you encounter someone in our parking lot asking for money. It can feel wrong to say "no," especially after we've just prayed and worshiped and vowed to help others as part of our Christian faith. However, let me remind you that MOPC is part of Area Churches in Action, which is set up to address urgent needs such as payment for utilities, medication, food or clothing. When a person calls the phone number for ACIA and leaves a message, they will get a call-back (even when the thrift store isn't open). ACIA does a thorough screening to determine that the needs are legitimate, something you probably can't determine when handing out money in our parking lot. I would never tell you not to help others as you feel led, but please know that when you give money, the word quickly gets around and more people come to us seeking assistance. Directing people to ACIA is truly the best way to get them the help they need. Their number is 919-658-0942. Thank you for being such a caring and generous congregation! --Rev. Diane

**Thank you all** for continuing to adapt to our new procedures for handling offerings and donations to the church. As a reminder, there is a red locked box in the church office area where you can deposit checks, etc. when the office is open. There is a heavy duty black locked box outside the front door to the church office where you can leave items outside of office hours. Of course, the offering plates are available on Sundays during worship on either side of the sanctuary, or you can give online by going to our church website.

**A reminder** that Church office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 2 pm and Wednesdays 9 am to 12 pm. The office is closed Mondays and Fridays. Rev. Diane works Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

## Committee Chairs & Members - 2022

**Clerk of Session** - Lynn Williams

**Administration**, Finance & Planning Committee (AF&P)

Megan Anderson (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Patsy West (2024)

Melba Keathley (**Church Treasurer**)

Faye Porter

John Sykes (2022)

**Worship Committee**

Lynda Roten (2023) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Joy Bayles

Cathy Price

Tena Boyd

Cathy Mason

Cindy Jarman

Robin McSwain

Ralph Schroeder (2024)

**Spiritual Growth, Nurture, & Care Committee (SGN&C)**

DJ Jarman (2022) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**

Bob Boyd – **Co-Chair**

Barry Giddings

Bobby James

Susan James

Kitsie Jones

Sherry Smith

Don Hargrove

Julie Graham

Margaret Anderson

**Outreach, Witness & Stewardship Committee (OWS)**

Mary Ann Wright - **Chair**

Frances Sykes

Keith Wright

Alice Adams

Lynn Williams

Alma Mooring (2023) - **Session representative**

Wendy Ford

**Christian Education Committee (CE)**

Charlotte Stentz (2024) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**

Maureen Keathley - **Co-Chair**

Judith Graves

Melba Keathley

**Meeting Schedule**

Session – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Worship

SGN&C– 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Worship

Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Worship

AF&P – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Worship

OWS – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Worship

CE – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Worship

B&G – As-needed

**Building & Grounds Committee (B & G)**

Graham Bennett (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Ralph Schroeder (2024)

Gordon Bennett

Jim Roten

Michael Williams (2023)

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

- J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, lymphoma and chemotherapy)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Rex and Phyllis Whitfield Lewis, major health concerns
- Sarah Wiggins (thyroid cancer surgery and chemotherapy)
- Donna Fulghum, recovering from a fall
- Jim Holland (friend of Lynn Williams, stage 4 kidney cancer)
- Hunter Smith (great nephew of Julie Graham, follow up treatment for lymph node removal.)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- Mitzi Leshner-Thomas (brain tumor)
- Lee Sargent (chemotherapy)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- David Stentz, June 19
- Charles Ivey, May 31
- Michael Sutton (brother of Linda Kelly, May 22)

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Mary Kelly
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

### Praise and Celebration

Jeremy and Emilee Rouse announce the birth of a son, Jordan Lee, on June 25. Congratulations to grandmother, Charlotte Stentz and great-grandmother, Dee Stentz

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 Rev. Diane.