

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
6th Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Dismore

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30)

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones. Give thanks to his holy name.

People: **For his anger is but for a moment, but his favor is for a lifetime.**

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: **You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my
sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

Leader: My soul will praise you and not be silent.

All: **O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

*HYMN

Because He Lives

#213 (Red)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Andre Esguerra

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgive us God when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it. Forgive us God when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us God when our sin keeps us from coming to you for forgiveness and restoration. Show us how to be like Peter and run toward you even in our brokenness and shame. Forgive us our sins and allow us to receive your love and grace. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus meets us in our brokenness and shame. He knows the pain of our failures.
He reveals Himself to us and renews us through life in Him.

People: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.**

Leader: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 21:1-19

p. 746 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Largo, con expression.

B. Marcello
Warren Dudley, tuba

SERMON

“The Original ‘Come to Jesus’”

Andre Esguerra

*HYMN

Jesus, I Come

#336 (Red)

*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

#592 (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

Jesus Calls Us

#375 (Red)

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
		Two Cents a Meal Offering

The **altar flowers** are given today to the Glory of God and in honor of Wendy Crumpler's birthday by Cheryl Crumpler Hooks.

Thank you to Warren Dudley, Cathy Mason's grandson, 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!

The **Two Cents a Meal Offering** on May 4 was \$149.12. We will collect the offering again next Sunday, June 1.



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.

