

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 27, 2024**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alma Mooring

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

**People: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

**People: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**People: Let us exalt God's name together!**

\*HYMN

God of the Sparrow

#22 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you; in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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      Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING      Mark 10:46-52      p. 716 (pew Bible)

ANTHEM      He Shall Feed His Flock      A. North

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them  
In His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
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Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

SERMON

“Blind Faith”

Rev. Savannah Demuyne

\*HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

#418 (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.**

\*OFFERINGS

*Please bring your pledge card along with today’s offering to one of the offering plates on the Communion Table or by the Sanctuary door.*

\*DOXOLOGY

#592 (Purple)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Praise to you, God, from whom all blessings flow! You created the earth and everything in it, blessing creation with bounty, beauty, and goodness. You created humanity to share in the wonder and joy of these blessings. We thank you, God, for endowing us with the ability to enjoy your creation and to be good stewards of it. Receive today our pledges and offerings. We do not confuse the mammon of the world with the manna that comes from you. We do not confuse creation with the Creator. We dedicate all that we have to your holy purpose. May our pledges and offerings enable us to share your gospel in word and deed, embody your love, extend your hospitality, and work for your kingdom. May they show that your rule is at hand, now and forevermore. Alleluia! Amen.

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.

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

(\*Please stand as you are able.)



**This Week's Activities**

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Stewardship Luncheon
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
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9:00 am	Girl Scout Troup 389
Sunday	10:00 am	Children's and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

**Welcome to Mount Olive Presbyterian Church!** We are so glad you are here. If you would like more information on ways to get involved, see Pastor Savannah after the service.

Today is **Dedication Sunday**. We will present our pledges to God and after worship have a **meal together in the education building**. Please join us.

**WNC update** - Our neighbors in Western North Carolina can still use our help. Last Sunday, Session voted to donate \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Western North Carolina. Many warehouses are full and they are no longer looking for physical donations, but many organizations can still use our help. If you are wondering where to give, a few places are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, and Samaritans Purse. Outreach committee is planning a day to compile flood buckets so be on the lookout for more information!

**Session Summary** - Session met on October 20 for their stated meeting. We celebrated all the work done for the 150th celebration (including the amazing history written by Alma Mooring). Additionally, Session approved the donation of the remaining blue hymnals and the extra purple hymnals to a church in need in WNC. Committees will begin to put together their budget for 2025 with hopes of approving the budget in December. The gifts from the Steeple Fund were higher than expected and will be used to replenish the Building Fund. Finally, Session approved a \$5,000 donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Helene Relief and tasked the Outreach Committee to plan a day to assemble flood buckets in the near future.

**Backpack Buddies**—remember we are asking for donations for backpacks as part of our stewardship campaign. *You may bring items for us to pack or a monetary gift placed in the offering plate **next Sunday, Nov. 3 and the following Sunday, Nov 10.*** We pack 24 bags each week so the magic number is 24. A list of items packed: pop-top cans of pasta, Beanie Weenies, or Vienna sausages, breakfast bars, fruit cups, applesauce cups, pudding cups, cheese (no peanut butter) nabs, rice crispy treats, raisins, oatmeal cakes, fruit drink pouches.

The **Two Cents A Meal Offering** will be collected next Sunday, Nov. 3. October's Two Cents A Meal Offering totaled \$139.59.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Brenda Schroeder— heart valve issues

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Eddie Best—health concerns
- Ann Blanton— mouth & eye issues

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- 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 a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Savannah at [savannah.mopcc@gmail.com](mailto:savannah.mopcc@gmail.com)

## 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.