

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
3rd Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 2023**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Bayles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from a prayer by Holly Gerth)

Leader: Because love is patient...

**People: Help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen,  
hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage,  
remembering your endless patience with me.**

Leader: Because love is kind...

**People: Help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful.**

Leader: Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud...

**People: Help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others.**

Leader: Because love is not rude or self-seeking...

**People: Help me to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart.**

Leader: Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs...

**People: Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me.  
When I want to hold onto a grudge,**

**gently help me release it  
so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.**

Leader: Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...

**People: Help me stand up for what is right and good.  
Show me how I can make a difference.**

Leader: Because love always protects and always trusts...

**People: Help me to be a refuge for those around me.  
When the world outside is harsh and cold,  
may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.**

Leader: Finally, because love always perseveres...

**People: Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others.  
Thank you for showing us what the word love really means.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#551 (Blue)

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins to him.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; Open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (unison)

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish, but will have everlasting life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS      Gloria Patri      #579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN      Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM      Leaning on the Everlasting Arms      arr. M. Kim

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms,  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the  
everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning on Jesus leaning on the  
everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, on Jesus, leaning on  
the everlasting arms.

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*GOSPEL READING      John 4: 3-30, 39-42      (pew Bible pages 752, 753)

SERMON      "Drinking Buddies"      Pastor Bob Bardin

\*HYMN      Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound      #280 (Blue)

### 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**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand as you are able) Apostle's 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.**

**HYMN**

**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

**#172 (Blue)**

### **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
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Service Circle
	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
Thursday	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

The **Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Committee** will meet in Baker Fellowship Hall after worship.

The **Service Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 14th, at Lynn Dail's home at 7 pm.

**Worship Attendance:** March 5th— 69

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

None at the time of printing

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Carl Warren, (uncle of Cathy Mason, hospice)
- Brenda Schroeder, heart and knee issues
- Vennie Jordan (mother of Selena Bennett, surgery to repair/replace hardware from previous surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (heart issues)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Aubrey Blizzard, Feb. 17
- Shelton Blanton, Jan. 18

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

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 Pastor Bob.

## Church 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.

