

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025**

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: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice

People: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked,

People: But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

*HYMN

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

#396 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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 Rev. Connie Garlick

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 5:9-12 p. 154 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 p. 819 (pew Bible)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-32

p. 740 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Trust in the Lord

Beall and Carter
Bill Ford, flute

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.
Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord and He will direct your paths.
Fear the Lord, fear the Lord, and turn your face from evil.
Fear the Lord, fear the Lord, and He will heal your soul.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.
Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord and He will direct your paths.
Honor the Lord, honor the Lord, there is wisdom in all His ways.
Honor the Lord, honor the Lord; your reward is better than gold.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.
Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord and He will direct your paths.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord; for he founded the earth and the sky.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Inherit His glory and grace.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.
Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord and He will direct your paths.

SERMON

“Celebrating What is Found”

Rev. Connie Garlick

*HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#753 (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

#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.

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.*

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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
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	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.

Thank you to Bill Ford for accompanying the choir in today's anthem.

Easter Lily Order forms are included in the bulletin. Each Easter lily will be \$16.00. Make checks payable to MOPC and designate for lily on the check. Drop your order and check in the offering plate or the red box in the office area. ***Order deadline is tomorrow, Monday March 31.***

MOPC Scholarships

It is time for scholarship applications to be submitted for the 2025-26 academic year. The APP Committee has set the ***application deadline for April 30, 2025.*** Candidates for scholarship(s) must be a member of MOPC and be actively engaged in the life of this church during his/her high school years. Applications are available on the church website, <https://www.mountolivepresbyterianchurch.org/> Please see the Scholarship email sent on March 27 for the current Scholarship policy.

Thank you note

Mary Ann and Keith Wright would like to graciously thank our Mount Olive Presbyterian Church family for the many prayers, thoughts, cards, visits and food during Keith's recent hospitalization and convalescence. We are blessed and grateful to be surrounded by such a loving and caring church family.

Mary Ann and Keith

Baby Shower Invitation

Join us for a baby shower honoring mom-to-be Katelyn Rectenwald, Saturday, April 19th from 1 pm to 3 pm in Baker Fellowship Hall. Katelyn and Justin are registered at <https://mybabylist.com/katelyn-justin-rectenwald>

The March **Two Cents a Meal offering** was \$144.37. The April Two Cents a Meal offering will be taken next Sunday.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Melba Keathley- broken radius surgery recovery
- Joy Bayles - broken shoulder
- Keith Wright- Open heart surgery recovery

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- William Kelly
- Brenda Schroeder
- Dorothy Cain- mother of Sonny Cain
- David Caccamo- father of Pastor Savannah

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.mopc@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.