

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**25th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 17, 2024**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony Jones

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

M O M E N T F O R S T E W A R D S H I P

Keith Wright

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Surely God is our salvation;

**People: trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.**

Leader: Hold fast to your hope without wavering,

**People: for God who has promised is faithful.**

\*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

#838 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's

grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace,  
help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: 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. Savannah Demuyneck

### WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12:1-3

p. 636 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

p. 851 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

As the Deer

M. Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield, in you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy;  
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you!  
You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king,  
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything!  
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

SERMON

"Draw Near"

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

\*HYMN

When We Are Living

#822 (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**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*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 Congregational Meeting
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	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.

A **Congregational meeting** will be held at the end of worship today for the purpose of electing new elders for the class of 2027.

**Order forms for poinsettias** are in the bulletin today. Each flower will be \$16 and make checks payable to MOPC. Orders and checks can be placed in the offering plates. The **deadline** for turning in orders and money is 11 am on this **Tuesday, Nov. 19**.

There will be a brief **Spiritual Growth, Nurture and Care Committee** meeting today after worship in the Education building.

In MOPC's recent order of **The Glory To God Hymnals** the first shipment had a misprint on the binding. PC USA Bookstore told us to just recycle that shipment and a correct shipment was sent as a replacement. The church is donating those first hymnals to Marshall Presbyterian Church in Marshall, NC (on the French Broad River about 15 minutes north of Asheville). Thank you to Keith Wright for finding this church in need and delivering the hymnals to that church.

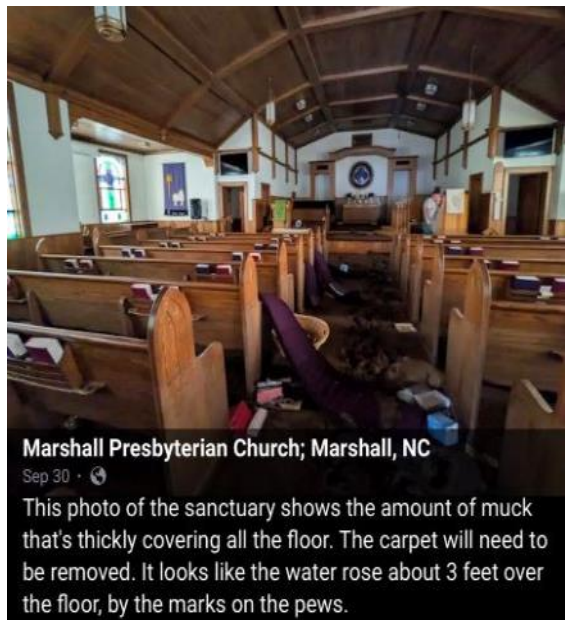
### As of September 30, 2024– General Fund

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Revenues	\$14,521.62	\$124,246.00
Total Expenses	\$20,604.01	\$118,944.45
Net Total	(\$6,082.39)	\$5,301.55

### As of September 30, 2024– Building Fund

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Revenues	\$2,735.00	\$24,570.75
Total Expenses	0.00	\$26,314.17
Net Total	\$2,735.00	(\$1,743.42)

**Pictures of Marshall Presbyterian Church** which suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Helene. Please continue to pray for all those in western NC who are still recovering from the effects of the Hurricane.



**Marshall Presbyterian Church; Marshall, NC**

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This photo of the sanctuary shows the amount of muck that's thickly covering all the floor. The carpet will need to be removed. It looks like the water rose about 3 feet over the floor, by the marks on the pews.

## 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.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.