

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

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 Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise God from the heights!

Leader: Praise the Lord, you angels. Sing praise, you heavenly host!

People: Praise the Lord, O sun and moon. Join in song, O shining stars!

Leader: Praise the Lord, snow and rain. Blow loud, wind and storm!

People: Praise the Lord, O trees. Dance with joy, O birds!

Leader: Praise the Lord, women and men. Rejoice, children and rulers!

People: Praise the Lord, weak and strong. Sing for joy, timid and bold!

Leader: Let all creation praise God's name!

All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

#473 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor as we join in our unison prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Creator of All, we confess that our hearts are too narrow, our perspectives too small. We reject those who are not like us—those who look, think or act differently; those with whom we disagree. We forget that all are your beloved children, and neglect your call to love one another. Forgive us, O God, for the ways we have failed to be a people known by our love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God dwells among us, giving to all who believe the repentance that leads to life.
Rejoice in the Lord, for through Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.

People: Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-9

(pew Bible page 491-492)

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

#367 (Blue)

GOSPEL LESSON

Revelation 21: 1– 5a, 22: 1– 5

(pew Bible page 878, 879)

SERMON

“New Heaven, New Earth”

Rev. Diane Knauf

TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER 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

We believe in God above us, creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in the Holy Spirit deep within us, advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's resurrection-created world, where all things are restored, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the Three in One, the one in three. We believe in God.

*HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#446 (Blue)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*DEPARTING IN GRATITUDE: *there are offering plates on either side of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and offerings.*

*BLESSING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD (unison)

O God of life, receive our offerings and bless them, multiply them, put them to work in your world wherever there is need of peace, of justice, of hope. We offer our gifts in witness to your love, trusting that you will turn every generous act into blessing for others and us. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE (Blue 108) Christ is Alive, verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise

**Please stand as you are able.*



This Week's Activities

Today	10:00am	Worship
Tuesday	8:00am	Walking Club
	10:00am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Mayberry Study
Wednesday	6:45am	Men's Group
Thursday	3:45pm	Chair Yoga
Sunday	10:00am	Worship

The Tuesday morning Bible study will begin a study of Acts this Tuesday 5/17. The book of Acts is unique in the New Testament. It is the second volume written by Luke and continues the story of God's great and wonderful acts through the followers of Jesus Christ. Acts is a book of history of the first century church; it also chronicles the development of the unique identity of Christians and their role in the world.

The study meets in Fellowship Hall at 10 am. We will use several resources including video clips from a PBS special "From Jesus to Christ." You will learn about the early church and marvel at the power of the Holy Spirit at work then, and now. Even if you've never attended Bible study before, you are welcome! We enjoy good conversation, prayer and fellowship while we learn.

Altar Flowers: If you wish to place altar flowers in church for worship, the cost is \$70. MOPC has an account with Front Porch florist, which is local, delivers and provides consistently beautiful arrangements. A flower sign up sheet is posted in the office area hallway. The Church office/Worship Committee member will contact you about the bulletin information, any specific requests and then place the order with the florist. Checks should be made payable to MOPC with altar flowers and date written on the memo line. Checks may be placed in the offering plate or in the AFP red box in the office mail box area. Any questions may be directed to the Church office. Thank you for making the beautiful flowers which grace our sanctuary possible.

Looking Ahead: Graduation Sunday will be June 5. We will be recognizing high school and college graduates. In order to help the Christian Education committee plan for this event, please let us know if you have a graduate you would like recognized. Please call the church office or email Cindy Jarman at mountolivepres@gmail.com. A fellowship luncheon is planned for after the service. Stay tuned for more information.

Elder Class of 2022

Megan Anderson
Graham Bennett
D.J. Jarman
John Sykes

Elder Class of 2023

Alma Mooring
Lynda Roten
Michael Williams

Elder Class of 2024

Ralph Schroeder
Charlotte Stentz
Patsy West

Clerk of Session

Lynn Williams

Pastor

Rev. Diane Knauf

Organist/Choir Director

Cathy Mason

Office Administrator

Cindy Jarman

Committee Chairs & Members – 2022

Clerk of Session – Lynn Williams

Administration, Finance & Planning Committee
(AF&P)

Megan Anderson (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Patsy West (2024)

Melba Keathley (**Church Treasurer**)

Faye Porter

John Sykes (2022)

Worship Committee

Lynda Roten (2023) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Joy Bayles

Cathy Price

Tena Boyd

Cathy Mason

Cindy Jarman

Robin McSwain

Ralph Schroeder (2024)

Spiritual Growth, Nurture, & Care Committee
(SGN&C)

DJ Jarman (2022) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**

Bob Boyd – **Co-Chair**

Barry Giddings

Bobby James

Susan James

Kitsie Jones

Sherry Smith

Don Hargrove

Julie Graham

Margaret Anderson

Outreach, Witness & Stewardship Committee
(OWS)

Mary Ann Wright - **Chair**

Selena Bennett

Frances Sykes

Keith Wright

Alice Adams

Lynn Williams

Alma Mooring (2023) - **Session representative**

Wendy Ford

Christian Education Committee (CE)

Charlotte Stentz (2024) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**

Maureen Keathley - **Co-Chair**

Judith Graves

Melba Keathley

Building & Grounds Committee (B & G)

Graham Bennett (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**

Ralph Schroeder (2024)

Gordon Bennett

Jim Roten

Michael Williams (2023)

Meeting Schedule

Session – 1st Sunday after Worship

SGN&C – 2nd Sunday after Worship

Worship – 2nd Sunday after Worship

AF&P – 3rd Sunday after Worship

OWS – 4th Sunday after Worship

CE – 4th Sunday after Worship

B&G – As-needed

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Sarah Wiggins (wife of Mt. Olive fireman Matt Wiggins, thyroid cancer surgery and chemotherapy)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Charles Ivey, (former principal and Executive Dir. at Partnership for Children, continued treatments at Duke Raleigh)
- Avery Dail (grandson of Lynn Dail, benign cyst, surgery at UNC May 31)
- Donna Fulghum, recovering from a fall
- Jim Holland (friend of Lynn Williams, stage 4 kidney cancer)
- Hunter Smith (great nephew of Julie Graham, follow up treatment for lymph node removal.)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- Eric Kennedy (son of Janet Kennedy, early stage prostate cancer)
- Mitzi Leshner-Thomas (brain tumor)
- Lee Sargent (chemotherapy)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Grisel Hardy and her grandson, Bryce (3/26)

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Mary Kelly
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Praise and Celebrations

- Aubrey Blizzard, home after 9 months in hospital.
- J. B Price, (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, completed chemotherapy and CT scan was clear)

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 Rev. Diane.