

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 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

Leader: God knows us before we are born.

People: God creates and consecrates us.

Leader: Listen for God's call speaking through the Spirit

People: We are ready to hear and respond! Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

#447 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen. We rationalize our way out of doing what you desire. We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own inadequacies. You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you. Transform us. Encourage us. Make us steadfast in faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's grace is abundant. God's redemption is free to receive. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Alleluia. Amen**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 14: 10-14

(pew Bible page 50)

*HYMN

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

#10 (Blue)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 5: 10-18

(pew Bible page 829)

SERMON

Your Battles Belong to the Lord

Kathy Larson

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 (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

Now Thank We All Our God

#555 (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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of abundance and steadfast love, you provide for us in ways we do not always know or recognize. You have prepared and provided for us since before we were born. Receive these tokens of our gratitude and bless them. May the gifts we return to you provide for others in a way that gives glory to you and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: God calls; Christ saves;

People: **The Spirit sends us into mission and ministry.**

Leader: May we leave this house of worship knowing the grace, hope, peace and love of God:

People: **Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.
Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

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This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Tuesday	8:00 am	Walking Club
	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

Rev. Dr. Robert Bardin will begin serving as our stated supply pastor next Sunday, Nov. 20. Please plan to join us as we welcome him to our church.



Poinsettia order forms are in the bulletin today. Each flower will be \$16.00. Make checks payable to MOPC. You can drop your order form and check (designate for poinsettias) into the offering plate either today or drop it off in the church office ***no later than Monday, November 14th.*** (orders have to be turned into the Plant Farm earlier than usual this year.) You can also call (919-658-2044) or email mountolivepres@gmail.com your order to the church office. Please remember to include color preference (red or white) and the name of the person the flower is given "in honor of" or "in memory of" in the calls/emails.

Stewardship: If you have not had the opportunity to turn in your **pledge card for 2023**, you may do so today by placing it in the offering plate. Extra cards are on the tables with the bulletins.

Spoken Word is a ministry headed by Tim Snyder which reaches out to the visually impaired. Tim and his staff provide "one on one" access to the written word with others. MOPC receives a quarterly update on their projects as well as personal stories of how this ministry has brought light to others. MOPC feels this is an important outreach to those we may not be able to reach. This congregation has made a \$250 contribution to Spoken Word through our tithes. Thank you Tim. Thank you congregation.

The Disaster Buckets have been delivered to the New Bern distribution center. Alma reports that the center was delighted to receive the buckets as they had few in the center and were surprised at how full the buckets were. Thanks again to the congregation for providing items for the buckets.

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)

- Robert Wall, (friend of the Bennetts, health issues and possible surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (radiation treatments for prostate cancer begin Nov. 3 and also other health concerns)
- Taylor Dail, (Harvey and Sandra Dail's son, in New Bern with his parents for outpatient physical therapy)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, remission of lymphoma)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- Mitzi Lesher-Thomas (brain tumor)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- J. B. Price, Oct. 20
- Lee Sargent, Oct. 19
- Karl Graves, Oct. 8

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Mary Kelly
- 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 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.



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.