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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Recognizing our Veterans
November 6, 2022

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ralph Schroeder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR OUR VETERANS (unison)

Gracious God, you have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, where war seems inevitable and its cost always tragic. As we gather here free from persecution, we give thanks for our veterans who have served with courage and honor.

Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice; let us honor them by working for peace and never taking for granted our freedoms. These things we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus took the widow's mite and the child's loaves, and used them to show us the Kingdom.

People: **Here in the company of the neighbor whom we know, and the stranger in our midst, and the self from whom we turn, we ask to love as Jesus loved.**

Leader: O God, make this the place and time when heaven and earth become one, and we in word and flesh know ourselves beloved.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #564 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. Others around us sacrifice for the good of many, yet our hearts remain unmoved. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God.

People: Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4: 1-30 (pew Bible pages 752-753)

*HYMN To God Be the Glory #485 (Blue)

SERMON We Must Stand with Elohim! Mary Kay Best

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**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

#561 (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)

O God, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing. These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you. Use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love, and let all we say and do be to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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.*



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

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of our veterans.

Next Sunday, Nov. 13, our speaker is **Kathy Larson**. **Rev. Dr. Robert Bardin** will begin as our stated supply pastor on Nov. 20.

Thank you to all the ladies that provided food for the Sargent luncheon last Sunday and to Joy for the pretty table decorations. You are a fantastic group of ladies to work with.
SCG & N Committee



Poinsettia order forms are in the bulletin today and will be next Sunday, Nov. 13. 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 next Sunday, Nov 13 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.

Troy Leshner-Thomas has received the Love Offering from MOPC and coincidentally had lunch with a church member near the day he received it. It was reported that he was very, very grateful. Thank you congregation.

Celebrating Our Veterans

Navy Reserves

Christopher McSwain

Retired (Honorably Discharged)

Shelton Blanton

Thomas Brown

Bill Ford

Wendy Ford

Richard Hansen

Bobby James

Major Jones

Jim Roten

Ralph Schroeder

John Summerlin

John Sykes

Steven Webster

Jorge West

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- 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)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- 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 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.