

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
20th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 6, 2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Selena Bennett

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

People: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

*HYMN

O God of Every Nation

#756 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, in the name of 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
Two Cents a Meal Offering

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

pages 715,716 (pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Remember I Am There

P. Choplin

When you need to remember how I showed my love for you, when your memory has faded, this will make your memory new.

Come and dine at my table when I seem so far away, and when your soul has forgotten, through my Spirit, I will say,

“Remember, remember me. Remember, and follow me.

Remember, and when you do, when you remember me, I am there with you.”

Eat this bread when you are hungry, when your spirit needs repair.

Drink this cup when you are thirsty when your soul is dry and bare.

Come and dine at my table when I seem so far away, and when your soul has forgotten, through my Spirit, I will say,

“Remember, remember me. Remember, and follow me. Remember, and when you do, Remember, when you remember me, I am there.”

SERMON

“Caring for the Vulnerable”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

*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.

*HYMN

Come to the Table of Grace

#507 (Purple)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving 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

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606 (Purple)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

(*Please stand as you are able.)

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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	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.

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the MOPC Choir for its beautiful music every Sunday.

Rev. Savannah will be away Oct. 7- Oct. 19. If a need arises, please contact Lynn Williams at lwilliams@mtolivepickles.com or Cindy Jarman at cjarman.mopc@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue on Oct. 8 and Oct. 15 with John Sykes leading the class.

September Session Summary - Session finalized a few details for the 150th service that took place on September 29. We reviewed a few Buildings and Grounds updates that are outstanding and discussed the water issues in the kitchen. We approved Dr. Sid Batts to preach on Oct. 13 when Savannah will be out of town. Session approved sending a Love Offering to Troy and Mitzi Leshner-Thomas using funds from the budget and the Good Samaritan Fund. We will begin the budget process for 2025 soon after the completion of the Stewardship Campaign.

Troy Leshner-Thomas has a new address: 2460 Northwick Dr., Apt 107 Winston Salem, NC 27103

Church Histories -If your family did not receive its church history last Sunday, please see Cindy after church in the office to get it.

Stewardship is a lifelong process. It started the day we accepted Christ. Savannah asked a great question. "Would MOPC be missed in the community if we closed our doors?" Troy once asked us where we wanted to be in 10/20 years. I believe we can make stronger, more impactful changes this coming year. Do you want to?

In October we will be reminded of ways we can continue to support the needs of our community beyond our tithes. You will hear from Savannah, Frances and Selena on several Sundays and they will elaborate on two of the three areas we are highlighting this year; Helping Hands Mission, Back Pack Buddies and Communities Supporting Schools. MOPC's focus is Reaching in with Love (caring for our own people)..... Reaching out with Christ (caring for our community). I have witnessed your generosity and I believe through our dedication and discipline we can make a great impact.

On October 27th, Dedication Sunday, we will present our pledges to God and will have a meal together in the education building.

Please bring a beverage and/or dessert if you are able. If not, come anyway.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Brenda Schroeder— Rex Hospital, tests

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

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.