

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 12, 2025**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Hargrove

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

Leader: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

People: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

People: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

#463 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our own way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear and trust this good news: 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 p. 726 (pew Bible)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 514, 515 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

K. Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

REFRAIN: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. REFRAIN

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. REFRAIN

SERMON

“Do Not Fear”

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

SERVICE OF ORDINATION/INSTALLATION– Martin Bayles, D. J. Jarman, Kitsie Jones

Opening Statement

Questions to the Elders Elect

Questions to the congregation

Laying on of Hands

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

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

#69 (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

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.)



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 **Service Circle** will meet in the New Parlor on Monday, January 13 at 7 pm. All women are invited.

Altar Flowers Please continue to sign up on the **2025 Flower List** now posted in the office area. Flowers from our florist are \$80. Session and the Worship Committee would like to remind you of less expensive options such as greenery/flowers from you own yard, a potted plant, small nursery plants grouped in a basket or cut flowers (sold at local retailers) arranged in a vase. Your floral donations are greatly appreciated whether you choose the florist or another option. If you sign up the church office will contact you for bulletin information. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or the red Finance box near the mailboxes in the office area.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Peggy Barwick—neck injury from fall
- Ann Blanton- eye surgery recovery
- Brenda Schroeder- physical therapy at home

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Benjamin and Jill Wicks - brother and sister in law of Steven Wicks
- Everette Coates - father of Doug Coates
- Ann Williamson - mother of Cheryl Kornegay
- Pam Wood
- B. J. Lee - father of Julie Graham

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.

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