

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Sykes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

People: **We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.**

Leader: The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

People: **We come, in this time, because God's grace has spilled over in our lives**

Leader: The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

People: **We come, in this time, to this place, because Jesus has found us and brought us home.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#466 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come to God, not to justify ourselves but to repent and trust the saving grace of Christ Jesus. Let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Look upon us, loving Savior, sift our thoughts and assess our feelings. Deal firmly with those things that have inhibited our love and diverted our energies. Whatever you see as self-righteous, censure, as twisted, straighten, as heartless, soften, as fruitless, prune, as infected, cleanse. Forgive us, and flood your relentless Spirit through our whole being, sweeping away guilt and by your saving grace, make us new. This we pray in your name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ Jesus we are a radically renewed community. Old things are done away with, all things become new. We are agents of grace and reconciliation. Let us live as such, for in Christ we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10: 7-10, 27-30

(pew Bible page 759, 760)

*HYMN

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

#314 (Blue)

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:1-5, 16-17

(pew Bible page 818, 819)

SERMON

"I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body
and the Life Everlasting"

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 *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 Shepherd Will Supply My Need

#172 (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)

Abundant God, prophecy says you are coming with the clouds for every eye to see. Until that day, may the tithes and offerings we bring each week and may our prayers and our actions do the holy work of making your reign real in our community and in this world in need. 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	10:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	8:00am	Walking Club
Wednesday	6:45am	Men's Group
Thursday	3:45pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	10:00am	Worship

Transition Update: Next Sunday August 7, Session meets after worship for its stated meeting. During that time we will begin planning and authorizing next steps in our upcoming pastoral transition. Clerk Lynn Williams is in contact with our Presbytery liaison, Cathy Mooney (Unity Presbyterian) and has information from her to share with Session about ways to make the steps to calling our next pastor as efficient as possible. After Session hears all information and makes some decisions, we will be sharing updates with the congregation so that you are kept in the loop and aware of the process, and our progress. Please keep the leadership of MOPC in your prayers. –Rev. Diane

Words for Times of Transition

(adapted from a reflection by Phil Chick, Xavier University)

Our lives are a constant series of endings and beginnings. Some of these endings come suddenly or unexpectedly. Others are planned and come more gradually. Some are happy. Some are sad. But each ending gives us the opportunity for a new beginning.

Perhaps one or more of the following will resonate with you and be helpful as you navigate transitions, both in your life and in our congregation:

- Make time to reflect and be thankful for what is ending. Be grateful for what was learned and what was accomplished.
- Make time to celebrate the new beginnings and what we have to look forward to.
- Recognize there are things about endings and beginnings that we do not control. Act on what we can control, but recognize and move on from what we can't control.
- Pause to reflect and refresh. The pace, chaos, and emotion of change can be stressful; make time to take care of ourselves and each other.
- Be grateful for what we have and for those around us with whom we share these changes.
- Remain optimistic and hopeful for what is yet to come and the new relationships that new beginnings may bring.
- And finally, take time to remember that God is with us through all the events of our lives, and that these endings and beginnings are no different. Nothing and nobody is beyond the reach of God's care and providence.

As we begin preparing not only for my last day as your pastor on August 25, but to welcome the next pastor whom God is even now preparing for this congregation, let us hold tight to Him and to one another. There will be good and bad days but God is constant even when we don't have the strength to be.

--Rev. Diane

The MOPC Farmer’s Market continues through the end of August on Saturdays 8-11 am in the Church parking lot. We have a variety of vendors with produce, meats, honey and honey products, jewelry, and a new vendor with soaps, candles and lip balm. The produce on hand yesterday was shelled Dixie Lee peas, blueberries, tomatoes, potatoes, okra, eggplant, peppers and some canned tomatoes. This is an excellent opportunity to get fresh produce, meats, and early stocking stuffers. If you would like to serve as a “Church Host” on one of the four remaining Saturdays please contact Mary Ann Wright for further details.

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

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 through worship, service, education, and fellowship.

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)

- Sonny Cain's father, beginning treatments for prostate cancer.
- J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, lymphoma and chemotherapy)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Rex and Phyllis Whitfield Lewis, major health concerns
- Hunter Smith (great nephew of Julie Graham, follow up treatment for lymph node removal.)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- 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)

- Pat Blann, July 11 (Janet Kennedy's sister)
- Jim Holland, July 8
- David Stentz, June 19

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. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Rev. Diane.