

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Love the Lord your God,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Leader: Do this and you will live!

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

Here In This Place

401 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Mercy: We confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts towards our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news; Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS The Gloria Patri #581 (Purple)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Rev. Clayton Brooks

ANTHEM

Air on the G string

J. S. Bach
Lisa Dismore, clarinet

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-17

p. 651 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 10:25-37

p. 735 (Pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Beware the Samaritan!”

Rev. Clayton Brooks

*HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

#305 (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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#547 (Purple)

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

* *Worshippers who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	12:00 pm	Service Circle
	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
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

We welcome Rev. Clayton Brooks as our speaker today. He is a pastor, community organizer, and political leader. His career has spanned work in churches, nonprofit organizations, government, and political campaigns. He has helped achieve tangible public policy advancements around issues as youth homelessness, fair budget policy, public health, and civil rights. He has served/is serving in various leadership roles in the Democratic Party in NC and Wake County.

Rev. Brooks received his Bachelor's Degree in the Study of Religion from Harvard University and a Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary from Columbia University. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. the world's first historically black fraternity. Currently a resident of Raleigh, Rev. Brooks is originally from Laurinburg, NC.

The **Service Circle** will meet Monday, July 14th at noon at the church. Please bring your own bag lunch. All women are invited.

Pulpit Supply confirmed for July: July 20—Canaanland

July 27– Rev. Joy Alford

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concern

- Sarah Varner -sister in law of Lynn Dail, chemo treatments

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Joyce Coates - mother of Doug Coates
- Janet Whitfield-sister of Faye Porter
- Ralph- brother of Maxine Summerlin

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Carl Rivenbark
- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain
- Donna Fulghum
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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 an immediate concern,

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.

