

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Bayles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Frances Sykes

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you they cried, and they were saved: in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

*HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

#267 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We know the commandments; you shall not commit murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and mother. We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you. Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, you can approach the throne of grace with boldness, and you will receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. In Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness we seek.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN The Rev. Dr. Sid Batts

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Arise and Come to Jesus

Arr. P. Drennan

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

Arise and come to Jesus; He'll embrace you in His arms;

In the arms of our dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

 Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;

 True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

 Arise and come to Jesus; He'll embrace you in His arms;

 In the arms of our dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;

If you tarry till you're better you will never come at all.

 Blessed are the eyes that see Him, blest are ears that hear His voice;

 Blessed are the souls that trust Him and in Him alone rejoice.

 Arise and come to Jesus; He'll embrace you in His arms;

 In the arms of our dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

SERMON

"Writing Our Own Obituary"

The Rev. Dr. Sid Batts

*HYMN

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

#303 (Purple)

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

*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

#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.)



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
	5:30 pm	Service Circle @ Ribeye's
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

The Service Circle will meet Monday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 at Ribeye's on Center St. All women are welcome.

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

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

**Mount Olive Presbyterian Church
Committee Rosters 2024**

Administration, Personnel & Planning (APP)

Lynn Williams, Chairman
Robin McSwain, Elder
Selena Bennett
Alma Mooring
Meets as needed

Buildings & Grounds (B&G)

Ralph Schroeder, Chairman
Gordon Bennett, Elder
Graham Bennett
Michael Williams
Jordan Williams
Meets as needed

Christian Education (CE)

Sherry Smith, Chairman
Lisa Dismore, Reporting Elder
Charlotte Price, Elder
Tena Boyd
Maureen Keathley
Sara Beth Sargent
Dee Stentz
Meets as needed

Finance

Patsy West, Chairman & Elder
Melba Keathley
Meets as needed

Outreach, Mission & Stewardship (OWS)

Mary Ann Wright, Chairman
Keith Wright, Elder
Alice Adams
Wendy Ford
Sue Godwin
Frances Sykes
Meets as needed

**Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care
Committee (SGNC)**

Margaret Anderson, Chairman Elder
Bob Boyd
Tena Boyd
Lynn Dail
Julie Graham
Don Hargrove
DJ Jarman
Kitsie Jones
Jeff Smith
Bobby James (inactive)
Susan James (inactive)
Meets as needed, after Sunday worship

Worship

Joy Bayles, Co-Chairman & Elder
Lynda Roten, Co-Chairman
Tena Boyd
Cindy Jarman
Cathy Mason
Robin McSwain
Cathy Price
Ralph Schroeder
Meets as needed, after Sunday worship

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Brenda Schroeder— UNC Chapel Hill, heart valve issue

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.