

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. J. Jarman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 18:16-17)

Leader: "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such as these the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom like a child shall not enter it.'"

People: **We come as children to a loving Father.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

#339 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

"You are children of the light, and children of the day. You are not of the night, nor of the darkness."

We have wandered into darkness. Let us turn and come to the Light.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (John 12:46)

Jesus said, "I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

Let your light shine! By God's mercy we have been forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

**"Jesus keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain,**

**In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river"**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

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God the Spirit, guide and guardian, windsped flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified,
Teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:
In your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's care;

Grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.
Great Creator, life-bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall,
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:
As You know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts
Oversee its life steadfastly, yet not overlook its faults.

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
Help us in our varied callings Your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries using may give glory to Your name.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 28:11-31

(pew Bible p.795)

SERMON

"Unhindered"

Pastor Bob Bardin

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

Fight the Good Fight

#307 (Blue)

***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.

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
	12:30 pm	Committee Leadership Luncheon
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
	5:30 pm	Service Circle at Ribeye's
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School
		Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

Today is the last Sunday to order Easter Lilies. Each will be \$16.00. Make checks payable to MOPC and designate for lily on the check. Drop your order and check in offering plate. ***All orders due by 11 am Tuesday, March. 12.***

The **Service Circle** is meeting Monday, Mar. 11 at 5:30 pm at Ribeye's. All ladies are invited.

One Great Hour of Sharing (we will be collecting this offering Mar. 24 and Mar. 31)

Syria: a place of humanitarian and economic crisis as well as ongoing hostilities.

I am Syria. I work. I used to earn \$18 (US) a month. I now earn, since the 7.8 earthquake, \$8 (US) a month. I can hardly afford one meal a day for my family. Inflation is 200 times higher now than it was in Sept. I buy rice, bulgur, bread and vegetable oil in small quantities each day. We survive! We do not want to leave our homeland!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Wimberly Raynor, (Sue Godwin's daughter-in-law, thyroid surgery)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)
- Rudy Hooks– UTI and heart issues
- Maxine Summerlin– fainting episodes
- Brenda Schroeder– AFib
- Vanessa, (kindergarten student, brain tumor)
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister, liver and bone cancer)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Dr. Hervy Kornegay
- Ralph Hollingsworth

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- 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 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 Bob.

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.

