

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**1st Sunday of Christmas**  
**January 1, 2023**

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.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148, read antiphonally)

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights above.

**Praise him, all his angels;**

**praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, you highest heavens**

**and you waters above the skies.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for at his command they were created,

**and he established them for ever and ever—**

**he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,  
**lightning and hail, snow and clouds,**  
**stormy winds that do his bidding,**  
you mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars,  
**wild animals and all cattle,**  
**small creatures and flying birds,**  
kings of the earth and all nations,  
you princes and all rulers on earth,  
**young men and women,**  
**old men and children.**  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.  
**And he has raised up for his people a horn,**  
**the praise of all his faithful servants,**  
**of Israel, the people close to his heart.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#28 (Blue)

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we confess our sins, God can be trusted to forgive us, and cleanse us from all our wrong.  
Let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Holy and merciful God,  
In your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
you alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways

**in forgetting your gifts  
in forgetting your love.  
By your loving mercy  
help us to live in your light and abide in your ways  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

## SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (2 Corinthians 5: 17) unison

**“Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone. A new life has begun”. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS                      Gloria Patri                      #579 (Blue)

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN                      Pastor Bob Bardin

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

\*GOSPEL READING                      Matthew 2:13-23                      (pew Bible page 682)

SERMON                      “Happy New Year!! Grab the Horn!”                      Pastor Bob Bardin

\*HYMN                      In the Bleak Midwinter                      #36 (Blue)

\*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.

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

Joy to the World

#40 (Blue)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

"Auld Lang Syne"

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



### **This Week's Activities**

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session
Tuesday	8:00 am	Walking Club
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will resume Tuesday, January 10th at 10 am.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

*(names listed for 2 weeks)*

- Shelton Blanton, beginning kidney dialysis

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Eleanor Ballance, (grandmother of Brittany Schroeder, stroke and fall)
- Brenda Schroeder, knee-related issues and preparation for knee surgery
- Gwyn Price (sister in law of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, hip replacement surgery)
- Robert Wall, (friend of the Bennetts, health issues and possible surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (chemotherapy for lung cancer, prostate treatment completed)
- Taylor Dail, (Harvey and Sandra Dail's son, in New Bern with his parents for outpatient physical therapy)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, remission of lymphoma)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues

### Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Mary Kelly, Nov. 29

### 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 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