

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 2024**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Boyd

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

#664 (Purple)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look at the heavens!

People: **They are shouting the glory of God.**

Leader: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

People: **Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Leader: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

People: **Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

\*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

#625 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God, and from each other, that we may experience God's mercy and receive God's forgiveness.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy One, Holy Three, you call all who dwell on earth to follow you, singing songs of praise. We confess, however, that your song has been silenced within us. We are unwilling to sing new songs – or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are different from our own. We sing as we live – as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you. Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice within us. Join our songs with your whole Church so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to your glory, not our own. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** Hear the good news: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

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

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN      Rev. Savannah Demuynck

### WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING      James 3:1-12      pew Bible p. 855

\*HYMN

Hymn of Promise

#250 (Purple)

DEDICATION OF HYMNALS

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

\*LITANY

Psalm 96 & 98, composite

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**People: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

Leader: Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

**People: Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of  
singing.**

Leader: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the LORD who  
reigns.

**People: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

\*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

#69 (Purple)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

Amazing Grace

#649 (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

#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

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.

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*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 Congregational Meeting
Monday	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
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	Children's and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

There is a **Congregational Meeting** today to elect the following individuals to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee: Margaret Anderson, Tena Boyd, Don Hargrove and D. J. Jarman.

**Next Sunday, please bring a MOPC memento to share with the congregation.** This service will be a time to celebrate the history of MOPC. We will take time in our worship service to share some of these stories. We will also recognize the longest membership and newest membership, during the Sharing our Faith with our Children. We hope to see you there!

The new **Glory to God Hymnals** are now in the sanctuary and will be dedicated today. The congregation's support in purchasing these hymnals is greatly appreciated. The older hymnals, which served MOPC well for many years, have now been relocated to the church library. These hymnals were originally given in memory or honor of someone and probably hold meaning and significance for many of you. Recognizing this, Session previously approved making them available to the congregation. If interested, you are invited to look through the hymnals before or after church on September 23, September 20 and October 6. Any hymnals remaining after October 6 will be donated to Spring Hill Presbyterian Church should they have a continued need for them. Please contact Joy Bayles or Lynda Roten if you have questions.

**MOPC's 150th Anniversary is quickly approaching!** We will have a Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 29th, immediately following worship. BBQ, fried chicken, coleslaw, hushpuppies and beverages will be provided. Members of the congregation are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. As we anticipate a larger crowd at this luncheon and want to ensure we have enough food for all, you are asked to please bring more than you would for a normal fellowship luncheon. Please see Margaret Anderson or Kitsie Jones of the Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Committee with any questions.

As of July 31, 2024---General Fund:

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Revenues	\$13,468.85	\$96,156.65
Total Expenses	\$10,115.47	\$87,328.10
Net Total	\$ 3,353.38	\$ 8,828.55

As of July 31, 2024----Building Fund:

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Revenues	\$ 2,182.50	\$19,339.50
Total Expenses	\$ 855.94	\$24,274.17
Net Total	\$ 1,326.56	\$(4,934.67)

**Note of Thanks**

Our family would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the acts of kindness during Donna's sickness and passing. The thoughts and prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and attendance at her memorial service mean more than you know. With love and thanks, The Bayles family

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Betty Lou Kornegay—fall
- Brenda Schroeder –health concerns
- Charlotte Price—heart attack, stent placement
- Jorge West-foot issues
- Eddie Best– health concerns

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Ann Blanton– mouth & eye issues

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Rudy Hooks
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister)

### 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.