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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022**

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

Keith Wright

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Loving God, on this anniversary of unbelievable sorrow, comfort those who mourn, and guide our hearts toward healing and hope. May we draw strength from those who bravely responded to the attacks of terrorism, and gave their lives to save others. May we stand with strangers who became neighbors that day, and remember their generosity and hospitality. Above all, keep us grateful for your faithfulness, O God, as we continue to trust in your unfailing love, which will not let us go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us bow before our Creator,

People: **whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,**

Leader: whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.

People: **Come, let us worship God**

*HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

#144 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open hearts, let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Forgive us, and do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope, I declare that our sin is forgiven. May our mouths be filled with praise.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 14

(pew Bible page 388)

*HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

#426 (Blue)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Chronicles 20: 1-30

(pew Bible pages 320-321)

SERMON

“Lord, We Don’t Know What To Do”

Michael Sykes

TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

God of grace, hear our prayers for your church, your world, and all those whom we love. We pray for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit: bring them your hope and healing. We pray for those who face disaster: deliver them from evil by your mighty hand. We pray for those who are lost or lonely: seek them out and bring them home to safety. We pray for those who suffer persecution and violence: help them and heal them. We pray for those who are poor and hungry: provide for them by your generous Spirit. We pray for those who cannot believe: be their refuge and show them your grace.

According to your abundant mercy, receive all these prayers and accomplish your purpose in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say together:

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 (Please stand as you are able)

Apostle’s Creed (traditional)

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.

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#387 (Blue)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO OFFERING: *there are offering plates on either side of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and offerings.*

Leader: Time and again, God clears a path for us to seek the way of life, to do good, to become a refuge for the poor. That path lies before us. With joy, let us offer our gifts and our lives in trust. Please join me in our unison prayer.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: May the Creator's holiness burn away our complacency, may the Living Word expose our foolishness, may the Spirit of mercy turn us home,

People: that God's grace might spill from our lives, giving hope to a perishing world, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.
Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	8:00am	Walking Club
	10:00am	Bible Study
	5:30pm	Service Circle
Wednesday	6:45am	Men's Group
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	11:00am	Worship

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Pete Sargent and Kaitlyn Edwards and celebrating Sienna Elizabeth Sargent today from 2 pm - 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Service Circle will meet this Tuesday, Sept. 13, for a salad supper at the home of Frances Sykes at 5:30 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

A Stewardship covered dish lunch will be held Sept. 18th immediately after church to kick-off our Season of Stewardship. The meat will be provided.

Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne Habitat partners with community volunteers to assist families who are working toward the purchase of a house. Habitat's vision is a community and a world in which everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat has completed more than 80 houses in the Wayne County area since its inception in 2001 and 2 houses are planned for Mt. Olive in the near future. So be on the lookout for an announcement in the near future from the Outreach Witness and Stewardship Committee asking for volunteers to provide help for these 2 houses.

The Farmer's Market will continue every Saturday, 8am - 11am, through Oct. 29 in the parking lot here at MOPC.

Committee Chairs & Members – 2022

Clerk of Session – Lynn Williams

Administration, Personnel & Planning Committee

John Sykes—**Chair, Session Representative**
Robin McSwain
Selena Bennett

Spiritual Growth, Nurture, & Care Committee (SGN&C)

DJ Jarman (2022) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**
Bob Boyd – **Co-Chair**
Barry Giddings
Bobby James
Susan James
Kitsie Jones
Sherry Smith
Don Hargrove
Julie Graham
Margaret Anderson

Christian Education Committee (CE)

Charlotte Stentz (2024) – **Co-Chair, Session Representative**
Maureen Keathley – **Co-Chair**
Judith Graves
Melba Keathley

Building & Grounds Committee (B & G)

Graham Bennett (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**
Ralph Schroeder (2024)
Gordon Bennett
Jim Roten
Michael Williams (2023)

Finance Committee

Megan Anderson (2022) – **Chair, Session Representative**
Patsy West (2024)
Melba Keathley (**Church Treasurer**)

Worship Committee

Lynda Roten (2023) – **Chair, Session Representative**
Joy Bayles
Cathy Price
Tena Boyd
Cathy Mason
Cindy Jarman
Robin McSwain
Ralph Schroeder (2024)

Outreach, Witness & Stewardship Committee (OWS)

Mary Ann Wright – **Chair**
Frances Sykes
Keith Wright
Alice Adams
Lynn Williams
Alma Mooring (2023) – **Session representative**
Wendy Ford

Meeting Schedule

Session – 1st Sunday after Worship
SGN&C– 2nd Sunday after Worship
Worship – 2nd Sunday after Worship
AF&P – 3rd Sunday after Worship
OWS – 4th Sunday after Worship
CE – 4th Sunday after Worship
B&G – As-needed

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer surgery and treatment)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Sherry Smith, hernia surgery
- Carl Rivenbark, (recent health issues)
- Corporal Logan Cox and Deputy Ramon Torres, (Wayne County Deputies wounded in the line of duty.)
- Sonny Cain's father, beginning treatments for prostate cancer.
- J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, lymphoma and chemotherapy)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Lee Sargent (Ablation treatment)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- Mitzi Leshner-Thomas (brain tumor)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Frances Rivenbark, Sept. 4
- Sgt. Matthew Fishman, Aug. 2 (Wayne County Deputy killed in the line of duty)

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.