

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Sykes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MOMENT FOR THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We cried to you for help and you answered us.

Leader: You have restored our lives;

People: You have rescued us from the grave.

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

32 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear and trust this good news: In Jesus Christ, we 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
Two Cents A Meal Offering

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 30 p. 394, 395 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 21:1-19 p. 769,770 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

SERMON

“The Call to Step Up”

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

*HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

#157 (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

#592 (Purple)

*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

*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

** Worshipers who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Session 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	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Luncheon

Welcome to Mount Olive Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. If you would like more information on ways to get involved, see Pastor Savannah after the service.

We are collecting the **Two Cents a Meal Offering** today.

We are having a **fellowship luncheon** to honor Pastor Savannah today, immediately following worship. We will share a time of fellowship and thank Pastor Savannah for her service to MOPC.

WCC Bison Community Band, under the direction of Dr. Bill Ford, will hold its **Spring Concert** Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in Moffatt Auditorium in the Learning Center building at Wayne Community College. Come and enjoy an evening of musical numbers from *South Pacific*, *Les Miserables*, *Ragtime Dance* and *St. Louis Blues*, as well as many other concert classics. Free and open to the public.

Each year, the Presbytery of New Hope recognizes **Outstanding Older Adults** from across the Presbytery. Congratulations to Keith and Mary Ann Wright who are MOPC's honorees for this year! The recognition service is Sunday May 18th at 3:00 at First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount. Members from our congregation are invited to attend. Please see Spiritual Care Committee Margaret Anderson for details.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 9am until 1pm. This year's theme is "Tell it on the Mountain!" Be sure to "tell it" to your friends and family to SAVE THE DATE!

Graduate Sunday Do you know of any graduates? The Christian Education committee is planning for Graduate Sunday on June 15th to recognize those in our church family that have graduated from high school or college (undergraduate or graduate) this past school year. Please contact Lisa Dismore (lisaruth13@gmail.com) with your graduate's name, school, contact email and degree (if applicable). All graduates are invited to attend. Cap and gown is optional.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Sarah Varner, sister in law of Lynn Dail, mastectomy
- Wendy Hardison-back surgery
- Joyce Coates-mother of Doug Coates, cancer treatments
- Melba Keathley- broken radius surgery recovery

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Ralph— brother of Maxine Summerlin
- Jacob May—nephew of Ann Blanton
- William Kelly
- Brenda Schroeder

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Carl Rivenbark
- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Robbie McSwain

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 Savannah at savannah.mopc@gmail.com

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.

