

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day  
2nd Sunday of Christmas  
January 5, 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.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us

**People: And we have seen his glory.**

Leader: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**People: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.**

\*HYMN

O God in Whom All Life Begins

#308 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard for you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. 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      Jeremiah 31:7-14      p. 560 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING      John 1:1-18      p. 750 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

SERMON

“Ordinary to Extraordinary”

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

\*HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

#459 (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

*(\*Please stand as you are able.)*



**This Week's Activities**

Today	11:00 am	Worship
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
Saturday	9:00 am	Girl Scout Troup 389
Sunday	10:00 am	Children's and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

**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.

The **Two Cents a Meal Offering** will be collected today.

The **ordination/installation of the Elder Class of 2027** will be next Sunday, January 12 during the Worship Service.

**December Session Summary** Session met on December 22 for their stated meeting. DJ Jarman, Kitsie Jones, and Martin Bayles were examined and approved as the incoming elder class of 2027. Outreach reported that we collected 12 buckets worth of material for the PDA flood buckets and that the remaining 44 blue hymnals have been delivered to Western North Carolina. 17 poinsettias were delivered to shut-ins in December and Finance presented a first draft of the 2025 budget to be approved at the January meeting and presented to the congregation at the annual congregational meeting on Feb 2, 2025.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** totaled \$545.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Service Circle** will meet in the New Parlor on Monday, January 13 at 7 pm. All women are invited.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Elizabeth Sargent-health concerns
- Ann Blanton- eye surgery recovery
- Brenda Schroeder-UNC Chapel Hill Hospital, heart valve issues, fall

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Eddie Best—health concerns

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

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

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Everette Coates - father of Doug Coates
- Ann Williamson - mother of Cheryl Kornegay
- Pam Wood
- B. J. Lee - father of Julie Graham

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](mailto: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.

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