

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 3, 2024**

**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

The Gift of Love

arr. J. Raney  
Flute, Bill Ford

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 43)

Leader: "This is what the Lord says, he who created you, he who formed you:

**People: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.**

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

**People: When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over you.**

Leader: You are my witnesses that I am God.

**People: No one can snatch you out of my hand."**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

#562 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Isaiah 45)

“This is what the Lord says, he who created the heavens:

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth;

For I am a righteous God and a Savior.

Before me every knee will bow;

Before me every tongue will confess.”

Let us now confess our sins before the Lord God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Isaiah 40)

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for.” By God’s mercy, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.”

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

**“On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross**

**The emblem of suffering and shame,**

**And I love that old cross where the dearest and best**

**For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

**So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross**

**Till my trophies at last I lay down.**

**I will cling to the old rugged cross**

**And exchange it some day for a crown.”**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN  
Two Cents A Meal Offering

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

Love One Another

Anna Laura Page  
Flute, Bill Ford

Love one another as a brother, be kind and gracious in all you do.  
Show mercy in others to reflect God's grace. You could be entertaining angels unaware,  
you could be entertaining angels unaware.

Share your joys with the joyful. Share your tears with those who weep.  
We must love, we must serve, we must care and be kind and show mercy and love.

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Show mercy in others to reflect God's grace. You could be entertaining angels unaware,  
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**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 27:1-28:10

(pew Bible p.793-795)

SERMON

"Riders on the Storm"

Pastor Bob Bardin

**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

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

#377 (Blue)

\*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.

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

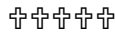
Go Now in Peace

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
	12:30 pm	Committee Leadership Luncheon
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	Workbook of Living Prayer Study
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School
		Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

We will collect the **Two Cents A Meal Offering** today.

Thank you to Bill Ford for sharing his talent with us today.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

### Concerns

- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)

### Ongoing Concerns

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Rudy Hooks– UTI and heart issues
- Maxine Summerlin– fainting episodes
- Brenda Schroeder– AFib
- Vanessa, (kindergarten student, brain tumor)
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister, liver and bone cancer)

### Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Edna Colson
- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- 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 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.

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

*(names listed for 2 months)*

- Dr. Hervy Kornegay
- Ralph Hollingsworth

## **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.

