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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Hargrove

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139:1-6; 13-14)

Leader: Lord, you have searched us,
and you know all about us

People: **You know when we sit down and when we get up.**
You know our thoughts from far away.

Leader: You know where we go and where we lie down.
You know everything we do.

People: **Lord, you know what we want to say,**
even before the words leave our mouths

Leader: You are all around us—in front of us and behind us.
We feel your hand on our shoulders.

People: **We are amazed at what you know;**
it is too much for us to understand.

Leader: You formed the way we think and feel.

You put us together in our mothers' wombs

People We praise you because you made us in such a wonderful way.
We know how amazing that was!

*HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

106 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We wander from God's ways. We waste God's gifts. We forget God's love. Let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great God, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to you.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (unison)

If we confess our sins, God can be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. By God's great mercy, we are a forgiven people.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN
2 Cents a Meal Offering

Joy Bayles

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

Dr. Edward Croom

*HYMN

Christ is Alive!

#108 (Blue)

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

*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.

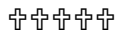
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

(*Please stand as you are able.)



The **altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God and for the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Charles and Margaret Anderson by their family.

This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship Fellowship Luncheon
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult & Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

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

The **Service Circle** will meet at the home of Frances Sykes Monday, April 8th at 7 pm. All women are invited.

The Spiritual, Growth, Nurture & Care Committee is working with Mike Saeger to finish the **new church directory**. If you would like to be included in the directory and have not yet submitted your photo and information sheet, please do so **today**, April 7th. Please see Margaret Anderson or Mike Saeger with questions or to submit your photo or information. Photos and information will not be accepted after today!

The congregation is invited to a **reception honoring Pastor Bob** on Sunday, April 21st, immediately following worship. We will share a time of fellowship and thank Pastor Bob for his service to MOPC. Please make plans to attend!

Worship Attendance: Maundy Thursday—36, Tenebrae—43, Easter Sunday— 110

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Pastor Bob Bardin—heart concerns
- Maxine Summerlin– broken wrist surgery
- Betty Lou Kornegay-shoulder surgery

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Wimberly Raynor, (Sue Godwin's daughter-in-law, thyroid surgery)
- Jean Honeycutt, (friend/neighbor of Ann Kennedy, cancer/chemo/surgery)
- Brenda Hicks, (friend of Charlotte Price, leukemia)
- 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)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- John Braxton, Lynn Coates' brother-in-law
- Dr. Hervy Kornegay

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

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.

