

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin McSwain

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 5: 1-10 GNT)

Leader: "Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

People: Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

Leader: Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

People: Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

Leader: Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

People: Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

Leader: Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

People: Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!"

CALL TO CONFESSION (John 8:7,9)

Jesus said, “Let any of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone. Those who heard began to go away, one at a time, the older ones first.” Let us confess our sins before God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

**Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
 in wandering from your ways,
 in wasting your gifts,
 in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy
help us to live in your light and abide in your ways
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (unison)

Jesus said, “Where are your accusers? Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more.” By God’s great mercy, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL 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.

*POSTLUDE

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



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	8:00 am	Walking Club
	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> meeting
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	9:00 am	Girl Scout Troop 389
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

The **Service Circle** will meet Feb. 7th at 5:30 pm Ribeyes Steakhouse on Center St. in Mount Olive. All women are welcome.

The **American Red Cross** is experiencing an emergency need for blood. Hospital demand continues to outpace donations. As part of this congregation's commitment to health and physical well being, you are encouraged to support these drives if you are able. Southern Bank is sponsoring two drives at the Town Depot on Feb 21st and April 18th from 1 pm– 6 pm. The University of Mount Olive is also sponsoring a drive on February 7 at the Pope Wellness Center from 10 am—2:30 pm. The public is welcome to all three drives.

You may sign up for any of these drives by visiting the website, www.redcrossblood.org and typing 28365 beside Make An Appointment, choosing the drive you prefer and available appointment time or contact Wendy Ford or Mary Ann Wright (for Southern Bank drives)

New Office Hours for 2023. The office will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 2 pm and Thursdays from 9 am. to 12 pm. Pastor Bob will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Worship Attendance: Jan. 15th-50

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Landon Schroeder, knee injury

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Vennie Jordan (mother of Selena Bennett, surgery to repair/replace hardware from previous surgery)
- Eleanor Ballance, (grandmother of Brittany Schroeder, stroke and fall)
- Brenda Schroeder, knee-related I issues and preparation for knee surgery
- Gwyn Price (sister in law of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, hip replacement surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (heart issues)
- Linda Jennings, (Alice Adam's sister, colon cancer treatment)
- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, remission of lymphoma)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Shelton Blanton, Jan. 18

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- 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. 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.

