

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Leader: Honor the Lord, you heavenly beings;

People: **honor the Lord for his glory and strength.**

Leader: Honor the Lord for the glory of his name.

People: **Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea.

People: **The God of glory thunders.**

The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: **the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord splits the mighty cedars;
the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: He makes Lebanon's mountains skip like a calf;
he makes Mount Hermon leap like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord strikes
with bolts of lightning.

**People: The voice of the Lord makes the barren wilderness quake;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord twists mighty oaks
and strips the forests bare.

People: In his Temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

*HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come!

#411 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 3:10)

"No one is righteous—not even one." 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 (Romans 4:7-8) unison

Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sins are put out of sight.
Yes, what joy for those
whose record the Lord has cleared of sin.”
By God’s great mercy, we are forgiven

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I’m found;
Was blind, but now I see.”

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 42: 1-4	(pew Bible page 513)
* GOSPEL READING	Matthew 3: 13-17	(pew Bible page 682)
ANTHEM	The Snow Lay on the Ground	Mary Ann Wright Keith Wright Bill Ford, flute
MEDITATION	“Hearing Voices”	Pastor Bob Bardin
INSTALLATION OF ELDERS	Margaret Anderson, Robin McSwain, Keith Wright	
	Statement on the Ministry of Elders	
	Constitutional Questions to the Elders	

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcoming

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation Here I Am, Lord # 525 (Blue)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer

*HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 376 (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	Girls Scout Troop 389
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Luncheon

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will resume Tuesday, January 10th at 10 am. All are welcome! Handouts with details are available near the bulletins.

Join us for a **Fellowship Luncheon** next Sunday, January 15th after worship to welcome Pastor Bob and his family. Please bring a side dish/dessert/tea. The meat will be provided.

MOPC collected \$271 for the **Joy Gift Offering**. Thank you for your contributions.

Worship Attendance: Dec. 18th - 78, Dec. 24th - 91, Dec. 25th - 41, Jan. 1st-55

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Shelton Blanton, beginning kidney dialysis

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Eleanor Ballance, (grandmother of Brittany Schroeder, stroke and fall)
- Brenda Schroeder, knee-related issues and preparation for knee surgery
- Gwyn Price (sister in law of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, hip replacement surgery)
- Robert Wall, (friend of the Bennetts, health issues and possible surgery)
- Sonny Cain's father, (chemotherapy for lung cancer, prostate treatment completed)
- 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)

- Mary Kelly, Nov. 29

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