

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
1st Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selena Bennett

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: **A journey that begins in the wilderness.**

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: **Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

People: **For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

*HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#166 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 Demuyneck

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

p. 143 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 4:1-13

p. 727 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Sometimes a Light Surprises

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Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;

When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again; a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new; set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, "Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too;

Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their longed for fruit should bear; though all the fields should wither,

nor flocks nor heard be there;

yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice; for while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

SERMON

"Temptations"

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

#175 (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

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.

*POSTLUDE

** Worshipers who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Fellowship Luncheon
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
	6:00 pm	Service Circle
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	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 **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Amy Mullins' birthday by her family.

Pastor Savannah will be away this week for a Pastor's Retreat. **Bible Study** will not meet on Tuesday, March 11.

We are having a **Fellowship Luncheon** today immediately following worship. Please plan to join us for a time of fellowship.

The **Service Circle** will meet Monday, March 10th at 6 pm in the new parlor. Attendees are asked to bring a goodie. All women of the church are invited.

"Plan Your Funeral" Workshop will take place on March 20 at 4 pm in the Serendipity Room. Planning your funeral in advance can be a way for you to get to the heart of your faith and find your favorite hymns and Bible verses. It also is a gift to your loved ones. There's no need to bring anything and no age requirements. See you there!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- William Kelly - bowel obstruction surgery
- Joy Bayles - broken shoulder
- Keith Wright- Open heart surgery recovery
- Carl Rivenbark— aneurysm surgery recovery
- Peggy Barwick—neck injury from fall
- Brenda Schroeder- physical therapy at home

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- David Caccamo- father of Pastor Savannah
- Jackie Waters-brother of Alice Adams

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

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

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

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.