

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025**

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

Leader: The psalmist sings, One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

People: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

Leader: To behold the beauty of the Lord,

People: And to inquire in God's temple.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is good,

People: And in love and mercy greets us here.

*HYMN

My Life Flows On

#821 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, change our hearts and minds to follow your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 Demuynck

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 27 p. 393, 394 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O God, Show Mercy to US

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O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face,
So that your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every people your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing; in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

For you will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness, and on the earth all nations will your just rule confess,
Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing. Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring.
The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send, and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

SERMON

“Good Examples to Follow”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

*HYMN

Fight the Good Fight

#846 (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.

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

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



This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship
Monday	3:45 pm	Senior Fitness
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack 34
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	4:00 pm	"Plan Your Funeral" Workshop
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 memory of Brenda Schroeder.

The **Bible Study** will resume Tuesday at 10 am.

"Plan Your Funeral" Workshop will take place this Thursday, 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!

Easter Lily Order forms are included in the bulletin today. Each Easter lily will be \$16.00. Make checks payable to MOPC and designate for lily on the check. Drop your order and check in the offering plate or the red box in the office area. **Order deadline is Monday, March 31.**

January Financial Report

	A	B	C	D
	As of January 31, 2025----General Fund:			
		Month to Date	Year to Date	
	Total Revenues	\$11,662.88	\$11,662.88	
	Total Expenses	\$11,041.40	\$11,041.40	
	Net Total	\$621.48	\$621.48	
	As of January 31, 2025-----Building Fund:			
		Month to Date	Year to Date	
	Total Revenues	\$2,961.65	\$2,961.65	
	Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Net Total	\$2,961.65	\$2,961.65	

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Melba Keathley- broken radius surgery recovery
- William Kelly - bowel obstruction surgeries, UNC Wayne
- Joy Bayles - broken shoulder
- Keith Wright- Open heart surgery recovery
- Carl Rivenbark— aneurysm surgery recovery
- Peggy Barwick—neck injury from fall

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Brenda Schroeder
- David Caccamo— father of Pastor Savannah

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.