

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Bayles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

People: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

People: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

*HYMN

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#408 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Jesus Christ our 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. Connie Garlick

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45:3-11,15 p. 35 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 15:35-50 p. 815,186 (pew Bible)

GOSPEL READING Luke 6:27-38 p. 729 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Rev. Connie Garlick

*HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#353 (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

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.

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.)*



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
Saturday	9:00 am	Girl Scout Troop 389
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Communion
	12:00 pm	Committee Leadership Luncheon

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.

APP will hold the MOPC Committee Leadership Luncheon

All elders, committee chairs, and committee members are invited to the annual MOPC Committee Leadership Luncheon Sunday, March 2 immediately following worship. We'll be wrapped up by 2 p.m. The Administration, Personnel and Planning Committee will provide lunch and an overview of committee roles, updated policies, and what's new for 2025. It will be a fun time of sharing, so we hope you can join us. *If you plan to attend, please let Lynn Williams know by February 26 so we can arrange for the meal. 919-222-5012 or fireandpickles@gmail.com.*

We are suspending **Children's Sunday School** until further notice. We have not had the participation we had hoped. So, Christian Education is taking time to regroup. Stay tuned for more opportunities for children's ministry this spring and summer!

February's **Two Cents a Meal offering** was \$116.61. The Two Cents a Meal offering will be collected again next Sunday, March 2.

Next Sunday, March 2, we will celebrate **communion** during Worship.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- 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
- Benjamin and Jill Wicks - brother and sister in law of Steven Wicks

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.

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