

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord
March 2, 2025**

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

Leader: As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,

People: God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: At the mountain of the Lord bow down,

People: for the Lord our God is holy.

*HYMN

God, Reveal Your Presence

#412 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. 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 Demuynck
Two Cents a Meal Offering

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 34:29-35 p. 66 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 9:28-36 p. 733 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I Will Give Jubilant Thanks

P. Williams and M. Barrett

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will be glad in the things He has done.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord, to God the ever glorious One.

All glory and honor belong to Him, I will rejoice and rejoice again.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will give jubilant thanks.

For the beauty of the earth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.

For the glory of the skies, I will bring Him all my praise.

For the joy which from our birth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.

Over and around us lies. Christ our God to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful, jubilant, jubilant praise.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. I will give thanks to the Lord most high.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. Rejoice and lift my voice to the sky.

For God is the giver of all good things, I will rejoice, let His praises ring.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord, I will give jubilant praise.

I will give honor and glory and blessings and jubilant thanks to the Lord.

SERMON

“Transformed”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

*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.

*HYMN

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

#192 (Purple)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#592 (Purple)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.*

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This Week's Activities

Today	11:00 am	Worship/Communion
	12:00 pm	Committee Leadership Luncheon
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
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday	10:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Fellowship 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.

All elders, committee chairs, and committee members are invited to APP's annual **MOPC Committee Leadership Luncheon** today immediately following worship. We'll be wrapped up by 2 p.m.

Session Summary

Session met for their stated meeting on February 16. The main item up for discussion was the Learning Studio partnership. Session approved the Learning Lab's use of our building for summer tutoring, taking place Monday-Thursday in June and July. This is in partnership with Wayne County Public Library. They offer tutoring for those with learning differences throughout the summer. There is a possibility that the program will continue in the evenings in the fall but that is not yet determined. Session committees continue to do their work to keep the church running smoothly.

Join us for our **Ash Wednesday Service** this Wednesday, March 5 at 7 pm.



Please remember to set your clocks an hour ahead next Sunday, March 9, so you will not be late for Sunday school/church.

We will have a **Fellowship Luncheon** on Sunday, March 9th, immediately following worship. We are asking those in attendance to bring side dishes, desserts and beverages. Fried chicken will be provided. 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

- 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.