

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ralph Schroeder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,

People: coming down from the Father of lights. Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

#554 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to our loving God who calls us close through our beloved Savior,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving, righteous God, our hearts are defiled with the wickedness you hate. You have called us to yourself, but we have gone away. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions, cleanse our tongues from evil words so that our worship may be pure and undefiled and we may live with you in love for others. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has liberated us from dead tradition and made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God's love.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS The Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-27 pew Bible p. 854

ANTHEM As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn Soon See Kim

As dew falls gently at dawn, speak to us your beautiful word. Jesus, Lord, when you send your word,
Word of life and lamp to our feet all we who wander in sin find strength and newness of life.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your word morning breaks and we walk in light.
As rain falls feeding the earth, send the blessings of your great love. Jesus, Lord, when you send your grace,
Grace unbounded, filling our souls, all we who hunger and thirst find strength and newness of life.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your love we arise and follow your way.
As light shines forth from the sun, Shed on us your spirit of joy. Savior, Jesus, send us your peace,
Peace that calms our souls from within. All we who suffer and sigh find strength and newness of life.
Jesus, Lord, when you send your peace, we are filled with heavenly love.

SERMON

“Listen First, Talk Later”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#288 (Blue)

*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 (Blue)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***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
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00 am	Children's and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sept. 15 to elect the following individuals to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee: Margaret Anderson, Tena Boyd, Don Hargrove and D.J. Jarman.

Please remember **Steeple contributions need to be turned in today, Sept. 1.** Forms are on the bulletin table.

Adult Sunday School is back starting September 8! Savannah will be leading a discussion using the history of the PCUSA. As we look back on the past 150 years here at MOPC, we'll look back together at the history of our denomination. Join us on Sundays at 10 am in the Serendipity room.

Children's Sunday School starts September 8

URGENT NEED! This past school year (2023-2024) we had 2 very committed Sunday School teachers for our children. Sherry Smith and Dee Stentz are continuing this year, but we need more volunteers! You can volunteer to join this Sunday morning team weekly, monthly, as a substitute, or even just one time each semester (Fall and Spring). Jesus said, "let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14). We know providing a foundation of faith for our children is paramount and we are so blessed to have amazing young people from 0-18 attending our church. Please consider volunteering with your time, and we definitely ask ALL to pray for this Sunday School Ministry. Contact Sherry Smith, Lisa Dismore, or any of the CE committee members to let them know how you are able to serve.

The Service Circle will meet Monday, Sept. 9th at 5:30 pm at the home of Frances Sykes. Please bring a dish. All women are invited.

MOPC's 150th Anniversary is quickly approaching!

We will have a Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, September 29th, immediately following worship. BBQ, fried chicken, coleslaw and hushpuppies will be provided. Members of the congregation are asked to bring side dishes, desserts and beverages. As we anticipate a larger crowd at this luncheon and want to ensure we have enough food for all, you are asked to please bring more than you would for a normal fellowship luncheon. Please see Margaret Anderson or Kitsie Jones of the Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Committee with any questions.

August Session Summary- Session met last Sunday and continued their planning for the 150th anniversary service. We discussed some property needs to be taken care of before the celebration at the end of September. Session updated the policy and application for the MOPC Scholarships that will help streamline the process. A congregational meeting was approved for September 15 to elect the Elder Nominating Committee. The Learning Studio program through the Wayne County Public Library was briefly discussed regarding the potential for them to use MOPC's facilities. More conversations regarding this program will take place in the future.

Thank you: On behalf of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, please accept this acknowledgement of the 65 hymnals donated by Mount Olive Presbyterian Church. Spring Hill is thankful for this gift and the prayers.

We cherish the many memories that were made in our 100-year-old sanctuary. Despite our grief, our faith is strong and more memories will be made as we move forward.

Again, Spring Hill is grateful for the hymnals. Please continue to pray as the Holy Spirit guides our rebuilding efforts.

Sharon L. Filson
Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

Worship Attendance 8/25/24 - 61

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Brenda Schroeder—Wayne UNC, low potassium
- Charlotte Price—heart attack, stent placement
- Jorge West-foot issues
- Eddie Best– health concerns

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Ann Blanton– mouth & eye issues

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Rudy Hooks
- Donna Williams, (Jimmy Bayles' sister)

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

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

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.