

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. J. Jarman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

People: They are like trees planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

Leader: Baptized and freed, grounded in love,

People: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Blest Are They

#172 (Purple)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this 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 Jeremiah 17:5-10 p. 548, 549 (pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 6:17-26 p. 729 (pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*ANTHEM Come! Live in the Light D. Haas #749 (Purple)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.
Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.
Refrain
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.
Refrain

SERMON "The Kingdom of God " Rev. Savannah Demuynck

*HYMN Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling #418 (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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*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
	1:00 pm	Session Meeting
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
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** today are given to the glory of God with our gratefulness for His blessing on our 30th anniversary by Kristal and Tony Jones.

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!

The **Session** will meet at 1 pm today.

Church Leadership

Elder Class of 2025

Margaret Anderson
Robin McSwain
Keith Wright

Elder Class of 2026

Joy Bayles
Gordon Bennett
Lisa Dismore

Elder Class of 2027

Martin Bayles
D. J. Jarman*
Kitsie Jones
(*Clerk of Session)

Moderator

Rev. Savannah Demuynck

Financial Report

As of December 31, 2024----General Fund:			
	Month to Date	Year to Date	
Total Revenues	\$16,217.36	\$167,530.28	
Total Expenses	\$13,864.88	\$165,122.63	
Net Total	\$2,352.48	\$2,407.65	
As of December 31, 2024-----Building Fund:			
	Month to Date	Year to Date	
Total Revenues	\$2,265.00	\$30,798.25	
Total Expenses	-\$1,649.46	\$26,043.93	
Net Total	\$3,914.46	\$4,754.32	
Year-End Adjustment = \$1649.46			

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Keith Wright– Open heart surgery recovery
- Carl Rivenbark— aneurysm surgery recovery
- Peggy Barwick—neck injury from fall
- Ann Blanton– eye surgery recovery
- Brenda Schroeder- physical therapy at home

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- 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.