

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



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**Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judith Graves

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

#476 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Because God is near to the brokenhearted, let us consider how we have lived, confessing our sins and trusting in God's mercy to save.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Rev. Savannah Demuyneck
Blessing of the Backpacks

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 pew Bible p. 168, 169

ANTHEM

SERMON

“Serve the Lord”

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

*HYMN

How Great Thou Art

#422 (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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*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
	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
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Anderson, Sr. by Margaret Anderson and family.

The **2 Cents a Meal Offering** will be collected next Sunday, Sept. 1. \$134.04 was collected on August 4.

Steeple Cross Contributions may be placed in the offering plate, placed in the red box near the mailboxes, or mailed to the church. Please include the completed contribution form and designate on the check Steeple Fund. (Forms are available on the bulletin table.) Contributions may also be submitted via the church website at www.mountolivepresbyterianchurch.org Please have your **contributions in by Sept. 1.**

Sunday School for adults and children resumes on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10 am. Makes plans to join us!

SAVE THE DATE! **The 150th Anniversary Celebration** will be September 29th at 10:30 am. Please mark your calendars and note the time change.

Worship Attendance on 8/8/24—60

Elder Class of 2024

Ralph Schroeder

Charlotte Stentz Price

Patsy West

Elder Class of 2025

Margaret Anderson

Robin McSwain

Keith Wright

Elder Class of 2026

Joy Bayles

Gordon Bennett

Lisa Dismore

Clerk of Session

Lynn Williams

Moderator

Rev. Savannah Demuyneck

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Concerns

- Charlotte Price—heart attack, stent placement
- Jorge West-foot issues
- Eddie Best– health concerns
- Brenda Schroeder-esophageal bleeding

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

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