

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina



Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Psalm 122:1 NRSV

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Worship on the Lord's Day

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CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Ralph Schroeder

Prelude

Bringing the Light of God into the Church

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

***Choral Introit His Name Is Wonderful** Hymn 101 (Red)

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;

He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He;

Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;

People: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Leader: The LORD is about to do a new thing.,

People: Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

All: Let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn 356 (Blue) Com, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

NETTLETON

Prayer of Confession: *(In Unison)*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. *(Pause for a moment of silent reflection and personal confession.)* **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Response of Praise**

Glorify Thy Name

Hymn 29 (Red)

Moment for Stewardship – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Fund

CALLED TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

Anthem

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Bringle / Polish Carol

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.

Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:

God is calling - can you hear? God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.

Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:

God is calling - can you hear? God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts

Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:

God is calling - and we hear! God is calling - and we hear!

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time

***Hymn 324 (Blue)**

Open My Eyes That I May See

SCOTT

Sermon

“God Calling”

Rev. Tim Snyder

CALLED TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

***Affirmation of Faith** (See pew card)

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

CALLED TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Hymn482 (Blue) Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty** LOBE DEN HERREN

*Taking the Light of God into the World

*Charge and Halverson Benediction (invites all who are able to stand)

*Congregational Choral Response Music composed by Dr. Carl Ashley

**May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.
By His grace and His might help you in every endeavor.
Long may His grace be kind to you, may it fail you never.
May the Lord, mighty God bless you and keep you forever.**

Postlude (* Invites all who are able to stand)



Large Print & Children's Activity Bulletins.... are available every week, in 2 age groups, featuring one of the readings or Gospel relevant to today's service. Please ask an usher.

Altar Flowers this morning are given....to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Anderson on what would have been his 70th birthday by Margaret Anderson and family.

Happy Birthday this week to... David Avery, Lynda Karpinski, Maygan Jackson, Don Hargrove, Betty Hollingsworth, Andrew Price, Lisa Hyatt, Tommy Outlaw, Addison Higginbotham, Leigh Williams, Jessica Williams,

Celebrating an anniversary this week... Ralph & Betty Hollingsworth (63 years)