

# 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**  
**February 12, 2017**  
**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Meredith Shivar

Prelude

Bringing the Light of God into the Church

**Prayer of the Day**

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you we can do all things, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen** (*Christina Rossetti (930-1894)*)

**\*Choral Introit**

**He Is Here**

Hymn 256 (Red)

**He is here, He is here, He is moving among us.**

**He is here, He is here, as we gather in His name!**

**He is here, He is here and He wants to work a wonder.**

**He is here as we gather in His name.**

**He is Lord, He is Lord, let us worship before Him.**

**He is Lord, He is Lord, as we gather in His name!**

**He is Lord, He is Lord, let us praise and adore Him**

**yesterday and today and forever more the same.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 117 (NIV)

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

**People: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**All: Praise the LORD.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)**

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. *(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 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Hymn 37 (Blue)

**Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;**

**Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:**

**Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping; Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new.**

**Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true.**

**Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing Greet the morrow:**

**Christ the babe was born for you.**

**CALLED TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 147)

Deuteronomy 30:11-20(NIV)

**Anthem The Majesty and Glory of Your Name**

T. Fettle

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;

the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,

And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But what is man that you are mindful of him.  
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth  
and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we, and so would we.  
Alleluia, alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Reading (page 752)

John 4:4-26 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

**\*Hymn 314 (Blue)**

**Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

BRIDEGROOM

Sermon

*"What a Surprise!"*

Sentence of Scripture

John 4:14 (NIV)

*"but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

## **CALLED TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The 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 on 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**

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**

**\*Hymn 439 (Blue) In Christ There Is No East or West**

ST. PETER

\*Taking the Light of God into the World

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

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has a purpose in you being there.

Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do through you where you are!

Believe it and go in the grace and power and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

(Rev. Richard C. Halverson, D.D., US Senate Chaplain Feb. 1981-Dec. 1994)

\*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 if you would like one.

**Happy Birthday this week to...** Robina Grieger, John Price, Sebastian Jackson, Mary Ann Wright, Elliott Best

**Celebrating an Anniversary this week...** Tony & Kristal Jones (22 years)

**Volunteers for Worship Services Today**

**Building Superintendent:** Tommy Brown

**Prelude Speaker:** Meredith Shivar

**Children's Time:** Meredith Shivar

**Nursery:** Tena Boyd & Connie Graham

**Counters:** John Sykes, Melba Keathley, Tommy Brown

**Ushers 8:45am:** Matt Soper & Major Jones

**Ushers 11am:** Pete & Lee Sargent, Bobby James, John Summerlin

**Communion Servers-Wholeness & Healing Service 7pm:** Ralph Schroeder, Brian Bullard

**Volunteers needed...** Our church works with the help of all of our members serving in one way or another. We have openings on our committees: Worship, Spiritual Care, Outreach & Stewardship, Christian Education, Building & Grounds, Administration, Finance & Planning. Please contact Pastor Steven or one of the Elders to learn more.

**This Week's Activities**

Today 8:45am **Morning Glory Worship Service** / Souper Bowl of Caring  
9:40am Morning Manna  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am **Worship Service / Scout Sunday** / Souper Bowl of Caring  
7:00pm Wholeness & Healing Service

Mon 9-12noon Footprints Preschool  
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tues 10:00am Bible Study  
5:30pm GED Class

Wed 6:45am Iron Men Gathering at Piggly-Wiggly  
9-12noon Footprints Preschool  
LOGOS - Break  
7:30pm Choir Practice

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*  
9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Sat 4:00pm Bowling for all Youth Groups

## Mount Olive Presbyterian Church Session

**Class of 2017:** Tommy Brown, Susan James, Elizabeth Sargent, Meredith Shivar

**Class of 2018:** Graham Bennett, Maureen Keathley, Robin McSwain, Matt Soper, Lynn Williams-Clerk of Session **Class of 2019:** Brian Bullard, Annette Hansen, Tony Jones, Carol Mele, Ralph Schroeder **2017 Youth Delegate:** Benjamin Bayles

<b>Record of Stewardship:</b>	February 5	2017 Budgeted	Difference
	Income	Expenditures	
2017 General Fund	\$6,616.77	\$ 4,263.83	\$2,352.94
2017 Building Fund	\$ 535.00	\$ 576.92	(\$ 41.92)
2014 Building Campaign	\$2,665.00	\$35,000.00 (loan payment plus interest)	

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church is very grateful for your financial support so that we may be faithful stewards of the mission to which God has called us. Your ardent prayers are invited as we trust in God to see us through our financial challenges.

**Souper Bowl of Caring...** Last Sunday, 160 million Americans tuned in to the Super Bowl football game. There were parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there were people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. **Please drop \$1(or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship today.** Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

**The family of Clara Price** would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your love and support during our loss. Your cards, visits, food, phone calls, flowers, and memorials have meant so much. Most important have been your prayers, as we have truly "felt" your prayers being lifted for our family. Mama loved her Church and Church family so much, and we appreciate the love and support you have shown. We ask for your continued prayers for peace and comfort, as we try to move forward. God so truly blessed us with a wonderful Mother.....and a wonderful Church family! Thank you all!

**The Gospel According to John...** Between now and Palm Sunday, we will be reading through The Gospel According to John. I will preach on a passage from the designated chapter each week. So for next Sunday, February 19, we will continue with chapters 6 & 7 of John. See you in Church, Steven.

**Youth Group Bowling...** Meet here at the church at 4:00pm on Saturday, February 18 for a fun night of fellowship and bowling. All youth are invited. Please bring \$10 for food. For more information, contact Matt Soper @ 919-648-1041 or matttsoper@gmail.com.

**Come pray together for the healing of our nation and world!** Thursday, February 23, 7:30-8:30pm. We look around this world and see immense brokenness, difficulty, pain, and suffering. The headlines in the news reports highlight our divisions and unity seems unreachable. Let us come together in one place and as a generation of women and men stand in the gap and pray. Let's humble ourselves and ask God to open our eyes to the places that God wants us to rebuild. Because like Nehemiah, we believe that we can be a part of rebuilding all that is broken in this world. Come and pray with each other and folks in our community.

**Congratulations to Lynn Williams...** for receiving the Ruff Huggins Lifetime Community Service Award on February 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Annual Chamber Membership and Distinguished Service Award Banquet in Mount Olive. We are very proud of her and her accomplishments.

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**Our prayer concerns this week 2/12/17** (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... Genesis Home (flu epidemic), Connie Graham (eyesight), James Summerlin (ICU-pulmonary fibrosis advanced), James Scott (cancer level 4-high school friend of Annette Hansen), Devin Ryan James (teenage driver), Brianne Colonna (recovery & rehab in CT from spinal surgery, friend of Anna's family) **2/5** Craig Jackson (multiple seizures), family of David Welch, family of Matthew Brickhouse, Alaiszha Watson (recovery from surgery 1/30 to amputate foot due to birth defect-student at School Street School), Shelton Blanton (recovery from eye surgery 1/31), Martin Bayles (endoscopy 1/31), Jonathan Anderson (brother-in-law died unexpectedly-student teacher with Joy Bayles), family of Evelyn Light Churn (Ted Churn's mother) **1/29** Philip Cousin's grandmother (WMH), Doris Wright (Duke Hospital, heart issues-pacemaker, mother of Keith Wright), Emiko Okamoto (general health), Cathy Price, Robbie McSwain (fall), David Williams (cancer diagnosis, minimal recovery from stroke last fall-Joyce Sloan's sister's husband), Buddy Kornegay (continuing recovery from seizure and adverse reaction to meds), Betty Lou Kornegay (caregiver) **1/22** Philip Cousins (guidance & help with new job), New Class of Elders & Youth Delegate, family of Annie Albertson, Family of Terry Kornegay (teacher at Grantham), family of Michelle Herlong (Shelton Blanton's niece), family of Mildred Barstow (Chellie Loftin's aunt in FL), Praise: Rose Kinzel - great-grandmother! Gayle Barefoot and Joshua Hobbs (Newton Grove-married January 15)

**Cancer treatment patients:** Carole Bahm, Steve & Diedra Barber, Sarah Boyd, Bryce Dixon, Harry Van Essendelft, Bob Ford, Bobby Kelly, Kay Grady, Greg Miller, Amy Mitchell, Tracy Smith Moore, Lilly Rose Price, Matt Rodgers, James Scott, Bruce Ann Smith, Lily Tan, Cleta Thomas

**Special Prayers:** Healing of our land, All newly elected officials.