

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 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor

Prelude

Bringing the Light of God into the Church

Prayer of the Day

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***Choral Introit** **Sweet, Sweet Spirit** Hymn 252 (Red)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face,

and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,

filling us with Your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,

when we shall leave this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 105 (NIV)

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

People: **Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!**

All: **Let us worship the LORD.**

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 443 (Blue)**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, the orphaned and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from our selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through 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 Day by Day**

Hymn 55 (Red)

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray;

**To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.**

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 85)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, 33 (NIV)

Anthem

As the Deer

M. Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;

you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy;

you alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though are a king;

I love you more than any other, so much more than anything!

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

***Hymn 417 (Blue)**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

Sermon

"The Bread That Fills Us"

Sentence of Scripture

John 6:33 (NIV)

"For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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 434 (Blue) Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

KINGSFOLD

*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... Ana Eslyn, Katrina Smith, Ian Ashley, Jaimie Mitchell, Anna Andrews, Thomas Hollowell, Alma Mooring, Jennifer Merritt

Celebrating an Anniversary this week... Reggie & Laura Strickland (24 years)

Souper Bowl of Caring... Thank you everyone who donated to our soup pots last Sunday. We collected \$216.30 for the pantry here. Your generosity is so very much appreciated.

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: Tommy Brown

Prelude Speaker: Pastor

Children's Time: Kristal Jones

Nursery: Tena Boyd & Connie Graham

Counters: John Sykes, Robin McSwain, Ralph Schroeder

Ushers 8:45am: Matt Soper & Major Jones

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

Record of Stewardship:	February 12	Weekly Budgeted	Difference
	Income	Expenditures	
2017 General Fund	\$3,426.00	\$ 4,263.83	(\$ 837.94)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 290.00	\$ 576.92	(\$ 286.92)
2014 Blding Campaign	\$ 100.00	\$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.

This Week's Activities

Today 8:45am **Morning Glory Worship Service**

9:40am Morning Manna

9:50am Sunday School

11:00am **Worship Service**

12:05pm Fellowship Luncheon

Mon 9-12noon Footprints Preschool

6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tues 10:00am Bible Study

7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wed 6:45am Iron Men Gathering at Piggly-Wiggly

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

4:30pm LOGOS - Olympic Volleyball

7:30pm Choir Practice

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Sat Presbytery Meeting in Cary

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 26, we will continue with chapters 8 & 9 of John. See you in Church, Steven.

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

Thank you... Glen McCune for directing the choir last Sunday.

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. Please invite your friends. Open to all in the community!

Ash Wednesday is March 1 and starts The Season of Lent... The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday (March 1st this year), which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. At the beginning of Lent, we are reminded that our possessions, our rulers, our empires, our projects, our families, and even our lives do not last forever. "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen.3:19). Trusting in the "accomplished fact" of Christ's resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of the Church's Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem, and the cross.

It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon ahead that draws us in repentance toward the cross and tomb. Through the intervention of God's gracious resurrection, lifelong changes in our values and behavior become possible. By turning from the end of the "old self" in us, Lenten repentance makes it possible for us to affirm joyfully, "Death is no more!" and to aim toward the "new self" located in Christ. Faithfully adhering to the Lenten journey of "prayer, fasting, and almsgiving" leads to the destination of Easter. (Liturgical Year: The Worship of God, prepared by the Ministry Unit on Theology and Worship for the PC (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, 1992, pp. 30-32.)

Camp Albemarle Scholarships... Summer will be here before you know it and registration is now open. MOPC provides a \$100 scholarship per child attending Camp Albemarle for week-long camps and \$50 for mini-camps. For more information on Camp Albemarle go to www.campalbemarle.org. Contact the church office for scholarship info.

Special prayers this week for...

Mount Olive, Grantham and Spring Creek Middle Schools: Students, teachers, staff, Principal, Social Worker, and all their families. Pray specifically that students may respect their teachers, staff, other students, their families, and themselves.

Our 5th-8th grade students: (both MOPC & LOGOS): Calvin Alphin, Cage Bullard, Ana Eslyn, Paul Francis, Georgia Fulghum, Josh Herring, Jacob Kornegay, Weston Lambert, Ryan Norton, Thomas Rouse, Pete Sargent, Xiomara Soler.

Memory Verse

1st John 3:1a (NIV)

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 2/19/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)...

Ashley Thigpen (cancer in colon, ovaries, & liver, 32 yr old with 2 yr old child). Julie’s grandpa in Germany (8th or 9th knee surgery 2/13-recovery), family of David Williams (Joyce Sloan’s sister’s husband passed away), family of Ernestine Smith, Alaiszha Watson (Lot of pain from amputation surgery), Maria Price(shingles), Sherwood Stanley (Bryan Center, poor appetite, neighbor of Lynne Fulghum), Virginia Williams (meds issues, now at home), Scott (cancer 2 surgeries, brother-in-law of Karl Graves), MOPC families, Philip Cousins **2/12** 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, 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 Leight 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), Buddy Kornegay (continuing recovery), Betty Lou Kornegay (caregiver) **1/22** 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, 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, Ashley Thigpen, Clea Thomas

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

Church 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 through worship, service, education, and fellowship.