

# Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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## 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  
Third Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2017**

**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**

Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**\*Choral Introit**                      **I Love You, Lord**                      Hymn 80 (Red)  
**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You. O my soul, rejoice!**  
**Take joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit

**People: God's love is poured into our hearts.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn 281 (Blue)**                      **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**                      CWM RHONDDA

**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                      Seek Ye First    Hymn 42 (Red)**  
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,**  
**and all these things shall be added unto you - Allelu, alleluia!**  
**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,**  
**knock and the door shall be opened unto you - Allelu, alleluia!**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 2)

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:4-7(NIV)

**Anthem                                      Seek First His Kingdom    D. Governor**  
Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all the gifts of heaven you will possess.  
Tomorrow's cares will surely pass away, for He will supply your portion for today.  
Forgive each other as you have been forgiven;  
turn from your sin and look to your Father in heaven.  
For all your needs are seen by God above, and He will provide for you out of His great love.  
Seek and you will find; ask, you will receive; knock, and the door will open to you.  
Seek and you will find; ask, you will receive, knock, the door will open.  
Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; His praise we sing, His holy name we bless.  
Praise to the Father, praise to Christ, the Son, Praise to the Spirit, God the Three in One.

Gospel Reading (page 750)

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Collect 100 Flocks Eggs

Joy Bayles

**\*Hymn 272 (Blue)**

**God of the Sparrow**

ROEDER

Sermon

*"Children of God"*

Michael Sykes

## **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 368 (Blue) I've Got Peace Like A River**

SPIRITUAL

\*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.

**Celebrating an anniversary this week...**Michael & Lynn Williams (30 years)

**Thank you...** to Michael Sykes, our guest preacher today.

**The Gospel According to John...** Between now and Palm Sunday, we will be reading through The Gospel According to John. For Sunday, March 26, please read chapters 15 and 16 of John. See you in Church, Steven.

**Dinner Night Out...** sign up to join us for a Dinner Night Out on Friday, March 24, 6:30-8:30pm at Dee's Diner in Goldsboro. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall so we can have a head count for Dee's.

**Easter Lilies...** Now is the time to order your Easter lilies. Please use the enclosed order form and return to the church office or in the offering plate before April 3.

## **This Week's Activities**

Today 8:45am **Morning Glory Worship Service** / 100 Flocks Collection  
9:40am Morning Manna  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am **Worship Service** / 100 Flocks Collection  
12:05pm **Fellowship Luncheon**

Mon 9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Tues 10:00am Bible Study  
5:30pm GED Class  
7:00pm Worship Committee

Wed 6:45am Iron Men Gathering at Piggly-Wiggly  
9-12noon Footprints Preschool  
4:30pm LOGOS - Closing Ceremonies  
7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs 5:30pm GED Class  
6:15pm Lenten Leaven Potluck Supper in the fellowship hall (*not Friday this week*)  
7:00pm Lenten Leaven Study in New Parlor - The Sign and the Sacrifice

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*  
9-12noon Footprints Preschool  
6:30-8:30pm Dinner Night Out at Dee's Diner

Sat 9:00am CDL Driver Permit Information Class (for driving the Church Bus)  
5:00pm Mixed Adult Sunday School Class Dinner

## **Volunteers for Worship Services Today**

**Building Superintendent:** Tommy Brown

**Prelude Speaker:** Pastor

**Children's Time:** Joy Bayles

**Nursery:** Jimmy Bayles & volunteer

**Counters:** John Sykes, Robin McSwain, Ralph Schroeder

**Ushers 8:45am:** volunteers needed

**Ushers 11am:** Jeff Smith, John Robertson, Charles Loftin, Graham Bennett

**Lenten Leaven Study is meeting on Thursday this week... We begin at 6:15pm with pot luck dinner and then our study at 7:00pm. If you can't make it at 6:00pm, come for the study at 7:00pm. We will study together *The Sign and the Sacrifice - The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection* by Rowan Williams. It explores the meaning of the cross and the significance of Christ's resurrection, discussing what these events meant to Jesus' followers in the early years and what they can say to us today. Rowan Williams is Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge and former Archbishop of Canterbury.**

**Field Trip to Holly Grove Farms...** You are invited to a tour of the Holly Grove Farms on Old Grantham School Road on April 1 @ 10:00am. Fee is \$5.00 per person or a purchase in the Gift Store. We will leave the farm at noon and meet up at the Pizza Village for lunch (dutch treat). Learn about caring for goats and goat milk products like cheese & soaps. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall so we will have a head count.

**MOPC College Scholarship Funds**

If you will be attending a college in the fall, now is the time to send in your application for Scholarship Funds to assist with your tuition for the next year. All applications are available in the church office and are due by April 15 to the Administration, Finance & Planning Committee. The application shall include a letter from the applicant explaining a substantial financial need and hardship. Students who are now receiving scholarships must reapply each year.

There are three college scholarship funds available to assist financially those students who qualify for them. Please check the scholarship you are applying for on the application.

The first one is the **Virginia Baker Scholarship Fund**. It's purpose is to assist with tuition or other expenses for any member of MOPC attending or having been accepted as an undergraduate student at a Presbyterian affiliated college or university.

The second one is the **Tinker Best Scholarship Fund**. It's purpose is to assist with tuition or other expenses for any member of MOPC for whom attending any college or university as an undergraduate or graduate student will be a financial hardship.

The third one is the **Jimmy and Lorraine I. Kornegay Endowment Fund**. It's purpose is to help college students who are members of this church purchase college textbooks.

<b>Record of Stewardship:</b>	March 12	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$4,481.00	\$40,256.25	\$45,125.50	(\$4,869.25)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 410.00	\$ 3,738.00	\$ 6,105.75	(\$2,367.75)
2014 Blding Campaign	\$1,830.00	\$ 7,512.00	\$35,000.00 (loan pymt +int.)	

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.

**Youth Groups schedule for April...**

Saturday, April 1 - Attend Dance for Christ

Saturday, April 8 - Cliffs of the Neuse and Cook Out (HS/MS)

Saturday, April 15 - Easter Egg Hunt (all children invited-time to be determined)

**Informational Meeting...** On Saturday morning, March 25 @ 9:00am in the fellowship hall, Dale Law from the NCDOT will be leading an informational class on the requirements needed to obtain a CDL-C with passenger endorsement to drive our church bus. This is a good opportunity to have your questions answered and hopefully decide to become one of our bus drivers. This would allow us to make better use of the bus and plan more activities for our members. If you are interested in learning more, please attend the meeting on Saturday.

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

**Our prayer concerns this week 3/19/17** (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... Robbie McSwain (biopsy), A. P. Tyndall (cancer in brain cells-Kitsie Jones' sister's husband), husband of Kitsie's older sister (Wake Med-dementia), Connie Knight (cancer-childhood friend of Annette Hansen), Bass family in Wilson (11yr old killed in ATV accident), Billie Ann Culbreth (removal of kidney due to tumor), Trish Schatz (serious health issues)

**3/12** Allison Thomas (friend of Joy Bayles, chemo, colon cancer)

**3/5** family of Royce Brock (VFW member, wife Mary), family of Sherwood Stanley, Helen Britt (heart & kidney issues-roommate of Teeny Cox at Genesis), Bill Ford (prostate cancer), Joshua, Julie, & Caleb Smith (relocating to Wallace), Buddy Kornegay (Praise!-doing much better), Betty Lou Kornegay (as caregiver)

**2/26** Virginia Williams (home - recovery from UTI), David Stentz (recovery from renal issues), Victoria Nilssen (recovery from flu), Emiko Okamoto (recovery from infection), Mr. Kinsey (health declining, Veterans Home in Kinston), Billie Culbertson (tumor on kidney; enlarged gall bladder), Sebastian Morris (infant, surgery to correct heart defect as 12 days old), Adelaide Grace Teller (Praise! Born Feb. 14, named after "Stig" Crumpler), International day of Prayer for Students (Feb. 19)

**2/19** Ashley Thigpen (cancer in colon, ovaries, & liver, 32 yr old with 2 yr old child). Julie's grandpa in Germany (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> 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), Scott (cancer 2 surgeries, brother-in-law of Karl Graves),

**Cancer treatment patients:** Steve & Diedra Barber, Sarah Boyd, Bryce Dixon, Bill Ford, 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, Allison Thomas

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