

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
Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017**

CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: The Lord is risen.

People: He is risen indeed! (emphatically)

Welcome and Announcements

Matt Soper

Prelude

Bringing the Light of God into the Church and Remembering Our Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Blessed are you, O God of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we receive the legacy of a living hope, born again not only from his death but also from his resurrection. May we who have received forgiveness of sins through the Holy Spirit live to set others free, until, at length, we enter the inheritance that is imperishable and unfading, where Christ lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit. **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 risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The LORD is risen indeed!

Leader: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

People: Peace be with you. The risen LORD is here.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 115 (Blue)**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

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 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

First Scripture Reading (page 646) Joel 2:28-32 (NIV)

Scripture Reading (page 771) Acts 2:14a, 22-35 (NIV)

Anthem

Gospel Reading (page 769) John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time Meredith Shivar

***Hymn 118 (Blue) The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE**

Sentence of Scripture

John 20:22 (NIV)

"And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

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 108 (Blue)**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*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.

Altar flowers are given to... to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Cauble Seaford by Mary Ann & Keith Wright.

Happy Birthday this week to...Mark Keathley, Mollie Gurley, Karly Rivenbark, Robin Webster, Ronnie Sloan, Sandra Sasser, Benjamin Wright

Celebrating an anniversary this week...Leonard & Natalie Crumpler (9 years), Van & Susan Alphin (22 years), David & Robin McSwain (33 years)

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to One Great Hour of Sharing last Sunday. We collected \$755.00. Your gifts help to support ministries of disaster relief, refugee resettlement, hunger relief, and community development all over the globe.

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: Ralph Schroeder

Prelude Speaker: Matt Soper

Children's Time: Meredith Shivar

Nursery: Tena Boyd & Connie Graham

Counters: John Sykes, Michael Williams, Annette Hansen

Ushers 8:45am: Brian & Cage Bullard

Ushers 11am: Tommy Brown, John Summerlin, David & Matthew Kornegay

This Week's Activities

Today 8:45am **Morning Glory Worship Service** / Fellowship Luncheon

9:40am Morning Manna

9:50am Sunday School

11:00am **Worship Service** / Fellowship Luncheon

12:05pm **Fellowship Luncheon**

Mon 9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Tues 10:00am Bible Study

5:30pm GED Class

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

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs 5:30pm GED Class

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*

8am-2pm MOMS Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Record of Stewardship:	April 9 & 16	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$8,395.69	\$63,026.38	\$66,444.65	(\$3,418.27)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 579.50	\$ 7,107.00	\$ 8,990.35	(\$1,883.35)
2014 Blding Campaign	\$2,770.00	\$11,402.00	\$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.

Memory Verse

Joel 2:32a (NIV)

"And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

Leadership Planning Retreat... next Sunday, April 30, 2-5pm in Baker Fellowship Hall.

All committee members are asked to attend.

Engage, Encourage, Empower... Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring that our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year on the first Thursday in May.

The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals. (Public Law 105-225).

As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions!

Our theme this year is, For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us... Heal Us! Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen ! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...". as the 2017 National Day of Prayer on May 4th approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christians to once again heed this call.

Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His childrens' earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history. Visit the website at www.NationalDayofPrayer.org Our sanctuary will be open from 7am - 7pm for prayer. Please plan to take time to come pray.

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church Session

Class of 2017: Bob Boyd, 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

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, David Allen Fulghum, Georgia Fulghum, Josh Herring, Charlotte Kornegay, Jacob Kornegay, Matthew Kornegay, Weston Lambert, Ryan Norton, Thomas Rouse, Pete Sargent, Xiomara Soler, Grace Webster.

Youth Events for May

May 6 - Car Wash at MOPC (All youth), May 13 - Progressive Dinner (HS/MS youth)
May 20 - Imagination Station Field Trip (Zone 4:12 youth)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 4/23/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... family of Joan Garneau (88 yr old mother of Fr. Jim Garneau), Zelda Johnson (return of breast cancer in her bones), Faith Bryleigh Dixon (born April 13th to Bryce & Amy Dixon, granddaughter of Susan & Bobby James), Judith Harrison (cancer), Ann James (losing blood, medical tests inconclusive so far), David Stentz (overnight sickness), Ingrassia family (loss of Andrew 4/15, cousin of Dayle Conover), Melanie Bowden (bed rest for pregnancy-coworker of Charlotte Stentz), David & Janie Stevens (David being placed in hospice 4/16), Cheryl Crumpler (surgery on foot), Renee Sparks (brain tumor-surgery to remove fluid and possible biopsy)

4/16 Bob Boyd (recovery from knee replacement surgery), Diane Sellers (serious heart condition), Renee Sparks (brain tumor), Samantha Garrison (recovery from shunt replacement-at home, niece of Steven & Alice), Lee Ann Wilcox (recovery from surgery 4/8 at Duke, friend of Eric Kennedy), Bill Hartley (Brian Center, 94 year old uncle of Chellie Loftin), Brian & Cage Bullard (trip to England, then Boy Scouts ceremony on Normandy Beach) **4/9** Virginia Williams (UTI recovery), Bob Boyd (knee replacement surgery @ Duke 4/10), Becky Secrest (lung removal 4/7-daughter of friend of Robbie McSwain's in TN), Robbie McSwain (recovery from foot surgery), family of Bryan Harold (childhood friend of Charlotte Stentz & Buffy Sargent), Dance For Christ team members **4/2** Rev Jim & Carol Hodge (lost their son unexpectedly this week), family of Sam Taylor, Autumn (8 yr old on life support at Vidant Greenville-granddaughter of a friend of Chellie), Bobby Hines (cancer-cousin of Shelton Blanton), Caellah Allison, Robbie McSwain (Praise! biopsy negative), Nick Rose (triple bypass surgery @ Rex, friend of Connie Graham), John Norton (Congratulations on receiving Eagle Scout award) **3/26** family of Jean Glover (grandmother of Philip Cousin), Praise! Bryce Dixon's CT scan was free of tumors (son of Susan & Bobby James), Sharon Morton Smith (cancer - former student of Selena Bennett) **3/19** A. P. Tyndall (cancer in brain cells-Kitsie Jones' sister's husband), husband of Kitsie's older sister (Wake Med-dementia), Connie Knight (cancer- friend of Annette Hansen),

Cancer treatment patients: Steve & Diedra Barber, Sarah Boyd, Bryce Dixon, Bill Ford, Bob Ford, Bobby Kelly, Kay Grady, Bobby Hines, Connie Knight, Greg Miller, Amy Mitchell, Tracy Smith Moore, Lilly Rose Price, Matt Rodgers, James Scott, Bruce Ann Smith, Lily Tan, Ashley Thigpen, Allison Thomas, A.P. Tyndall

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

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.