

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
Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017**

CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: The Lord is risen.

People: He is risen indeed! (emphatically)

Welcome and Announcements

Brian Bullard

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: When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

People: our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 341 (Blue)**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

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**

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 771)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (NIV)

Scripture Reading (page 857)

1 Peter 1:13-25 (NIV)

Anthem

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower;
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.

The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!

O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen, has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ, the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life-denying.

The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!

O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen, has risen, has risen!

Because you live, O Christ, the rainbow of your peace will span creation;
the colors of your love will draw all human-kind to adoration.
The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter day, for Jesus Christ has risen, has risen, has risen, has risen!

Gospel Reading (page 749)

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Robin Webster

***Hymn 280 (Blue)**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Sermon

"Burning Hearts"

Sentence of Scripture

Luke 24:32 (NIV)

"They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

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 485 (Blue)**

To God Be the Glory!

DOANE

*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 honor of Julian’s third birthday and upcoming baptism by his family.

Happy Birthday this week to... Cathryn Jones, Carissa Allison, Julian McSwain, Rodolph Enescar, Ashley Hogdin, Jane Powell, Lee Cozart

Celebrating an anniversary this week...Jorge & Patsy West (24 years)

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: Ralph Schroeder

Prelude Speaker: Brian Bullard

Children's Time: Robin Webster

Nursery: Melba Keathley & Lydia Soper

Counters: John Sykes, Lynne Fulghum, Tony Jones

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**

9:40am Morning Manna

9:50am Sunday School

11:00am **Worship Service**

2:00-5:00pm **Leadership Planning Retreat - All are invited!**

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*

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Sat 10:30am-12:30pm Youth Car Wash & Prayer

Memory Verse

Matthew 28:6 (NIV)

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Record of Stewardship:

	April 23	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$2,112.00	\$65,138.38	\$70,708.48	(\$5,570.10)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 280.50	\$ 7,387.50	\$ 9,567.27	(\$1,579.77)
2014 Blding Campaign	\$ 130.00	\$11,532.00	\$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 Events for May

May 6 - Car Wash and Prayer at MOPC (All youth)

May 13 - Progressive Dinner (HS/MS youth)

May 20 - Imagination Station Field Trip (Zone 4:12 youth)



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 ...

Southern Wayne HS, Spring Creek HS & Wayne Early College: 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 high school students: (both MOPC & LOGOS): Kristin Alphin, Benjamin Bayles, Nikki Brinkley, Rudolph Enescar, David Allen Fulghum, Kyle Harris, Cathryn Jones, Matthew Kornegay, Mary Cole Lambert, John Norton, Sarah Beth Sargent, Grayson Strickland, Grace Webster, Justin West

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 4/30/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... Doris Wright (severe case diverticulitis), John Wicks (moved to Charlottesville, VA area), Percy Edwards (cancer-friend of Pastor Steven), Gail Smith (8 places biopsied), Peggy Barwick (tested for pacemaker), family of Danny Karpinski (brother of Thomas Karpinski), Mike Davis (heart issues-brother-in-law of Judith Graves), Rodney Hall (Kitty Askins- Magdaline's brother-in-law)

4/23 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, Situation in North Korea, Leadership Planning Retreat.