

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: The Lord is risen.

People: He is risen indeed! (emphatically)

Welcome and Announcements

Tony Jones

Prelude

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

Prayer of the Day

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of darkness and death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever. **Amen**

***Choral Introit**

Shout to the Lord (see insert)

DARLENE ZSCHECK

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The LORD is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The LORD is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

People: I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

All: Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn 171 (Blue)**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBIA

Prayer of Confession: *(In Unison)*

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-

kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. *(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**

Open The Eyes of My Heart

PAUL BALOCHE

O-pen the eyes...of my heart, Lord, O-pen the eyes...of my heart,
 I want to see You, I want to see You.
 To see You high and lift - ed up, shin-ing in the light of Your glo -
 ry, pour out Your pow'r and love... as we sing, "Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho -
 ly!" Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho -
 ly, Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see You.

Paul Baloché, 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/ASCAP, CCLI # 94754

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 392)

Psalm 23 (NIV)

Scripture Reading (page 784)

Acts 16:13-15 (NIV)

Anthem

I Must Tell Jesus

arr. L. Shackley

I must tell Jesus all of my trials. I cannot bear these burdens alone.

In my distress He kindly will help me. He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain: I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone.

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles. He is a kind, compassionate friend.

He is my friend, and if I but ask Him, He will deliver, make of my troubles, quickly an end.

Refrain

Gospel Reading (page 750)

John 1:1-10 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 498 (Blue)**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Children's Time

2 Cents a Meal Collection

Kristal Jones

Sacrament of Baptism

Sermon

"You Are in Good Hands"

Sentence of Scripture

Psalm 23:1(NIV)

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."

CALLED TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

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 540 (Blue)**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

*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 Patricia Stiglitz Robertson by John Robertson.

Happy Birthday this week to... Maxine Summerlin, Brooks Bean, Emiko Okamoto, Kristie Norton, Charlotte Sykes

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: Graham Bennett

Children's Time: Kristal Jones

Counters: John Sykes, Lynne Fulghum, Tony Jones

Ushers 8:45am: Charles Loftin, Lynn Daly

Ushers 11am: Daniel Nilssen, Jordan Williams, Landon Schroeder, Don Hargrove

Prelude Speaker: Tony Jones

Nursery: Robin & Grace Webster

This Week's Activities

Today 8:45am **Morning Glory Worship Service** / 2 Cents-a-Meal

9:40am Morning Manna

9:50am Sunday School

11:00am **Worship Service / Baptism** / 2 Cents-a-Meal

4:30pm Outreach, Witness & Stewardship Comm.

4:30pm Administration, Finance & Planning Comm.

5:00pm Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Comm.

5:00pm Christian Education Comm.

5:00pm Building & Grounds Comm.

6:00pm Session

Mon 9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Tues 10:00am Bible Study

7:15pm Service Circle @ Bennett home

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

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

7:30pm Choir Practice

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Sat 5:00pm Progressive Dinner for HS & MS Youth

Memory Verse

Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Record of Stewardship:	April 30	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$6,973.10	\$72,111.48	\$74,972.31	(\$2,860.83)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 835.00	\$ 8,222.50	\$10,144.19	(\$1,921.69)
2014 Blding Campaign	\$1,160.00	\$12,692.00	\$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 13 - Progressive Dinner (HS/MS youth)
- May 20 - Imagination Station Field Trip (Zone 4:12 youth)

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

We welcome today...Julian Russell McSwain, son of Patrick and Stephanie McSwain, as the newest baptized member of the one holy catholic and apostolic church of Jesus Christ.

Youth Parking Lot Fundraiser... Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help during the Pickle Festival for the Parking Lot Fundraiser. This year, the youth have chosen to send the proceeds to the American Heart Association in loving memory of Clark Dail. They raised \$951.

Thank you... to all who visited our sanctuary and prayed for our nation on National Day of Prayer. Thank you also to all who volunteered to be in the sanctuary so that our doors could be opened to those wishing to come in.

Thank you... to all who were able to participate in the Leadership Planning Retreat and to Mike Queen, our facilitator from the Center for Healthy Churches. We look forward to making use of what we learned and discovered as we move MOPC forward into the future.

Mother’s Day / Father’s Day Offering... next Sunday, May 14 (Mother’s Day). Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Presbyterian Homes, Inc., helping make the lives of individuals residing in retirement communities, healthier, happier and more comfortable. Consider making your gift in honor or in memory of your Mother, Father or other special older adults. God bless you for caring for seniors in need. “Giving is Rewarding and Joyful” thank you for your support!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 5/7/17 *(Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month)*...

Craig Jackson family (kitchen fire), Jenny Holmes (WMH cancer), Helen Britt (ICU-WMH), Zelda Johnson (radiation), Ann James (still no diagnosis), Peggy Barwick (gout in toe, severe back pain), Jerry Dew (WMH brother-in-law of Kitsie Jones), James Scott (cancer in remission, getting married), Cheryl Crumpler (foot surgery went well), Allison Thomas (back in hospital), Joyce Sloan (leg issues, falling, Dr. appt May 15), Diane Sellers (surgery successful), first responders of Meyersdale, PA many tragedies **4/30** Doris Wright (severe case diverticulitis), John Wicks (moved to Charlottesville, VA area), Percy Edwards (cancer-friend of Pastor Steven), Gail Smith (8 places biopsied), family of Danny Karpinski (brother of Thomas Karpinski), Mike Davis (heart issues-brother-in-law of Judith Graves), Rodney Hall (Kitty Askins- Magdalene'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), 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)

Cancer treatment patients: Steve & Diedra Barber, Sarah Boyd, Bryce Dixon, Bill Ford, Bob Ford, Bobby Kelly, Kay Grady, Bobby Hines, Zelda Johnson, 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: World Leaders, Healing of our land, All newly elected officials, Crisis in Syria, Situation in North Korea, Leadership Planning Retreat.