

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
Day of Pentecost
June 4, 2017
CALLED TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: The Holy Spirit has been sent!

People: The Holy Spirit has been sent indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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

Prayer of the Day

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. **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: Remember the promise of the LORD:

People: God will pour out the Spirit on all Flesh.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 323 (Blue)** **Loving Spirit** OMNI DIE

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

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,
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 7)

Genesis 11:1-9 (NIV)

Scripture Reading (page 771)

Acts 2:1-21(NIV)

Anthem

Shepherd of Love by J. Peterson

Alice Adams, soloist

Gospel Reading (page 757)

John 7:37-39 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

2 Cents a Meal Collection

***Hymn 319 (Blue)**

Spirit

MANLEY

Sermon

"From Confusion to Clarity"

Rev. Tim Snyder

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 315 (Blue)**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*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)

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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... Magdalene Hall, Matthew Soper, Joanne Morgan

Memory Verse

Psalm 145:9 (NIV)

"The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made."

Community Garden... A portion of the garden has been planted with vegetables by students from the University of Mount Olive. Volunteers are needed to stop by and do some weeding. Whether it's a few minutes or a couple of hours, any help is appreciated.

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: Gordon Bennett

Nursery: Cathy Price & Volunteer

Counters: John Sykes, Lynne Fulghum, Tony Jones

Ushers 8:45am: Matt Soper & Doug Niemond

Ushers 11am: Lee & Pete Sargent, Michael Williams, Richard Hansen

This Week's Activities

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

9:40am Morning Manna

9:50am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal Collection

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 5:30pm GED Class

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

7:00pm Weeknight Bible Study

Thurs 5:30pm GED Class

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*

Record of Stewardship:	May 28	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$2,963.00	\$83,953.59	\$92,027.63	(\$8,074.04)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 405.00	\$ 9,795.50	\$12,451.87	(\$2,656.37)
2014 Blding Campaign	\$ 540.00	\$15,662.00	\$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.

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 Thanks... to Alice Adams for her special music today.

Weeknight Bible Study starts June 7... Wednesdays in June & July in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 – 8:30pm Matthew's Good News, a Summer Bible Study. Glen and Lavetta McCune will be hosting a study of the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 1 – 15, using N.T. Wright's book, *Matthew for Everyone Part 1* as a resource. Each week, we'll read a few chapters of Matthew and share our own thoughts as well as responses to Wright's insights. The author's translation of each passage of scripture is included in the text.

Here's a brief sample of Wright's translation and commentary on Matthew 5:38-39: *You heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you: don't use violence to resist evil! Instead, when someone hits you on the right cheek, turn the other one towards him. ". . . Jesus offers a new sort of justice, a creative, healing, restorative justice. The old justice found in the Bible was designed to prevent revenge running away with itself. Better an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth than an escalating feud with each side going one worse than the other. But Jesus goes one better still. Better to have no vengeance at all, but rather a creative way forward, reflecting the astonishingly patient love of God himself, who wants Israel to shine his light into the world so that all people will see that he is the one true God and that his deepest nature is overflowing love."*

Join us on Wednesday, June 7th as we seek to grow deeper in Jesus through the words of Matthew and N.T. Wright. Books will be available at the meetings.

Youth Group News... On June 17, Middle and High School students will meet at noon to leave for Eno River State Park, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall or contact Matt Soper, if you are interested in joining this trip. Our activity for the Combined Youth Group Events with First Baptist will be on Friday, June 16, 5:30pm, to attend a Down East Wood Ducks Game—RSVP by June 11, tickets \$10.

Vacation Bible School... Come join in on the fun and attend our brief Planning Meeting on Sunday, June 4 immediately following the 11am service. Our VBS is one of the highlights of summer every year. We always need lots of volunteers. Help us make this one of the best VBS week yet. All are Welcome! July 9-13.

Take me out to the ballpark!!!! Mark your calendar for JULY 3RD... Interested in attending a Carolina Mudcats game? MOPC plans to help the Mudcats celebrate the 4th of July. Five County Stadium in Zebulon will be hosting the Carolina Mudcats vs. Winston Salem Dash. This is the Mudcats for America Series Promotion. The Mudcats will be wearing patriotic jerseys on July 3rd and there will be an online auction for a jersey. All proceeds go to a local charity. The evening ends with a post game Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza. The tickets are only \$7.00 each and you can reserve your spot by stopping by the office with your payment. We plan to meet at the church around 5:15 and head to the game by 5:30. We have reserved a group of seats in the family section and are eager to fill up those seats!!! Batter up!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 6/4/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)...Barbara Fredericks (WMH, recovery from surgery)

5/28 Pastor Steven (safe travel to and from Germany 5/29-6/2), Bill Ford (recovery from prostate surgery), Joyce Sloan (recovery from broken tibia), Becky Sloan (caregiver), Edna Colson (14 day period without hearing aids), Liz Eason (possible brain tumor-mother-in-law of Susan, daughter of John & Maxine Summerlin), Virginia Meriel Levy (triple negative receptors-cancer chemotherapy-Shelton Blanton's sister), family of Duke student Michael Doherty, families affected by the Manchester, England bombing, families affected by NYC Times Square killing by a motorist, families affected by tornadoes in NC, Barbara Fredericks (back surgery on 5/30 @ WMH, Anna's mom), Robbie McSwain (loss of niece)

5/21 Family of Rodney Hall, Tena Boyd (recovery from surgery on broken arm and shoulder dislocation on 5/15), John Harding (ruptured aorta; infection-Duke-first cousin of Major Jones), Bill Hartley (breathing issues Somerset Court Assisted Living, 94 yr old uncle of Chellie Loftin), Betty Hollingsworth's brother (stroke recovery-Genesis), David Stentz (walking issues), Jonathan & Ashley Miller & Madison & Andrew, Lily Tan (emergency micro valve replacement on 5/18, mother-in-law of Rebecca (Summerlin) Tan)

5/14 family of Betty Manning (aunt of Brian Bullard, sister of Dr. Bullard), family of Jenny Holmes, Virginia Meriel Levy (cancer-Shelton Blanton's sister), Jane Shock (pneumonia, oxygen levels, 90 yr old aunt of Connie Graham), Autumn (8yr old, out of CCU, now in rehab-Praise!), Julian McSwain (Praise! baptized 5/7, son of Patrick & Stephanie, grandson of David & Robin, great-grandson of Robbie), Doris Simms-Hill (massive heart attack recovery - 67 yr old nurse friend of Dayle Conover)

5/7 Craig Jackson family (kitchen fire), 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 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)

Cancer treatment patients: Steve & Diedra Barber, Sarah Boyd, Bryce Dixon, Percy Edwards, Bill Ford, Bob Ford, Bobby Kelly, Kay Grady, Bobby Hines, Zelda Johnson, Connie Knight, Virginia Meriel Levy, 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, Manchester, England bombing