

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 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

Seed-planting, fish-netting, bread-baking, pearl-hunting God, you shape us into living parables. Pray with your Spirit in us so that we may understand our experiences as healing metaphors, and become creative and abundant stewards of the environment you entrusted to our love. **Amen**

***Choral Introit** **As the Deer** (bulletin, page 7)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 467 (Blue)** **How Great Thou Art** O STORE GUD

Prayer of Confession: (In Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things, which we ought to have done; and we have done those things, which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. (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**

Amazing Grace

Hymn 280 (Blue)

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 21)

Genesis 29:15-35 (NIV)

Anthem/Hymn 493 (Red) It Is Well With My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

Scripture Reading (page 800)

Romans 8:28-39 (NIV)

Gospel Reading (page 691)

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

***Hymn 293 (Blue)**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

Sermon

"Unloved Yet Blessed"

Sentence of Scripture

Genesis 29:31

"When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless."

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**

(* "catholic" means "universal" church, the true church of Jesus Christ in all times and places.)

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 525 (Blue) Here I Am, Lord**

*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 two 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... Thomas & Margaret Matthews (6 years), Stephen & Robin Webster Jr. 18 years), Andy & Melba Keathley (37 years)

Happy Birthday this week to... Lorraine Kornegay (30rd), Jason Miller (1st) Laura Jarman (2nd), Evie Bean (2nd), Shanda Schroeder (3rd), Brittney Graves (3rd), Timothy Snyder (3rd), Barry Giddings (5th), James Lambert (5th), Cindy Slaughter (5th), Megan Anderson (5th)

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: Michael Williams **Prelude Speaker:** Lynn Williams

Communion Assistants 7pm: Ralph Schroeder, Carol Mele

Nursery: Jimmy & Joy Bayles

Counters: John Sykes, Lynne Fulghum, Tony Jones

Ushers 10:30am: Tony & Carter Jones, Tommy Brown, Graham Bennett

This Week's Activities

Today 9:20am Morning Manna

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

7:00pm Service of Wholeness and Healing

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

7:00pm Weeknight Bible Study

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*

Record of Stewardship:	July 23	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$2,323.50	\$116,725.78	\$123,650.97	(\$6,925.19)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 187.50	\$ 14,133.06	\$ 17,310.60	(\$3,177.54)
2014 Blding Campaign	\$ 0.00	\$ 18,227.50	\$ 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

Romans 12:14-16 (MSG)

"Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody."

A Worship Service of Wholeness and Healing will be held today, July 30 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. This is a sanctioned Presbyterian worship service in which the wholeness of God is sought in our emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical lives. The Service is open to anyone. Invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Blood Drive in memory of Clark Dail... please see the insert.

Weeknight Bible Study... *Extended to August 2 and 9.* Wednesdays in June & July in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00 – 8:30pm Matthew's Good News, a Summer Bible Study. Glen & Lavetta McCune are 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. Join us on Wednesdays, as we seek to grow deeper in Jesus through the words of Matthew and N.T. Wright.

Our "Top Five" Hymns... we received lots of responses to our request for your favorite hymns. We were given 64 different hymns. The top choice was *How Great Thou Art*. Tied for second was *Amazing Grace* and *Here I Am Lord*. Other favorites were *It is Well With My Soul*, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, *This Is My Father's World*, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, *Lord God Almighty*, and *Morning Has Broken*.

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 Music... next Sunday, August 6, 10:30am Jimmy Martin and the Canaanland Trio will help lead worship with songs, testimony, and the story of a free gift.

How do you like our Summer Worship Schedule?... The Summer Schedule continues for two more weeks on August 6 & 13. We hope you are enjoying our Summer schedule and the different musical talents, songs and hymns. We have more talent scheduled for the next 2 weeks. Our Regular Worship Schedule will resumes on Sunday, August 20. The Fellowship Luncheon will follow at 12:05pm.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 7/30/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... Connie Garlick (medical issues, sister of Carol Mele & Cathy Price), Dexter Hill (upcoming back surgery-Lee Cozart's son-in-law), George Holland (Kitty Askins-brother-in-law of Louise Holland), Sybil Bruce (Pamela Bean's mother - general health issues), Denise Fluharty (second operation for breast cancer - neighbor of Michael and Lynn Williams), Terrie Walton, (knee replacement surgery, extreme pain, daughter of Ray Price), Bill Hartley (pneumonia - 94 yr old uncle of Chellie Loftin), Shelton Blanton (general health), Mount Olive Police Department, Mount Olive Fire Department, Wayne Count EMS, Jimmy Johnson (prayers for regaining strength to allow treatment)

7/23 Brittney Woodard (cancer - daughter of Tim Woodard at UMO), Elizabeth Price Blizzard - (health concerns), Jimmy Johnson, (at Vidant Hospital, Greenville, Heart issues, husband of Zelda Johnson) Glenda Moore (stage 4 lung cancer, close friend of Doris and Millis Wright (parents of Keith Wright))

7/16 families affected by Marine plane crash in MS, family of Jerry Dew (passed away on July 11, husband of Barbara Anderson Dew, brother-in-law of Kitsie Jones), Betsy Bartlett (80 yr old Genesis resident - WMH ICU ventilator), Marvin Taylor (heart issues, neighbor of Cheryl Crumpler), Renee Sparks (cancer, starting intensive chemo & radiation)

7/9 Cathy Mason (recovery from serious dental surgery), Tommy & Elizabeth Price Blizzard (in the loss of their baby), Parker Mellott (trip to China 7/5 for a month long work-study class), Cathryn Jones, Grayson Strickland, and Daniel & Nicholas Covert (trip to Japan 7/3 with Julie Beck and other student groups)

7/2 family of Edna Price (92 yr old grandmother of Ashley Price, niece of Kim Davis), Ann James (continuing blood loss-needs accurate diagnosis & treatment), Speck & Rose Tyndall (60th anniversary), Mikeal Davis (recovering from a stroke - Judith Graves' sister's husband), Hans & Inger Medal (Hans has blood pressure issues - Judith Graves' stepfather & mom)

6/25 George Egas (minor stroke, Bill Mele's cousin), family of Allison Thomas, Family of Vanessa Martin, Family of Doug Smith (Stevie & Katrina (Boyd) Smith's uncle - this makes 3 deaths in the Smith family in the last six months), Virginia Williams (home-recovering from UTI), Praise! new baby girl Arlie Diana born June 20 to Ricky Jr & Kristin Sloan (Great granddaughter of Joyce Sloan)

Cancer treatment patients: Steve & Diedra Barber, Sarah Boyd, 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, Renee Sparks, Lily Tan, Ashley Thigpen, A.P. Tyndall

Special Prayers: World Leaders, Healing of our land, All newly elected officials, Crisis in Syria, Situation in North Korea, Manchester, England terrorist bombing, London, England terrorist killings, London Fire, Washington DC shooting, Goldsboro violence, Muslim families affected by London motorist killings.

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As the Deer

D A Bm Dsus D
 As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my

G A7sus A7 D G A7 D A
 soul longs af-ter you. You a-lone are my

Bm Dsus D G Asus A7 D
 heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm
 You a-lone are my strength, my shield; to you a-lone

Em F#sus F# D A
 may my spir-it yield. You a-lone are my

Bm Dsus D G A7sus A7 D
 heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.