

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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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
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 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

Pastor

Prelude

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

Prayer of the Day

In the flaming bush, O God, you appeared to Moses and you promised deliverance to your people. In the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. In times of misery, show us the transforming power of your love and grace that we may know the hope of your glory. **Amen.**

***Choral Introit**

I Will Glorify (see insert)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God said to Moses: I am who I am.

People: This is the name of the LORD forever.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 488 (Blue)**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

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** **Jesus, Name Above All Names** (see insert) HEARN

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 32) Genesis 39:1-23 (NIV)

Anthem Here I Am, Lord Recorder duet - Keith Wright & Glen McCune

Gospel Reading (page 694) Matthew 16:21-28 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time 2 Cents a Meal

***Hymn 376 (Red)** **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** ASSAM

Sermon "*When Life Gets Tough*"

Sentence of Scripture Genesis 13:21(NIV)
the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

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 371 (Blue)**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*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**

Grace Alone

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Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.

Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share His peach is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Chorus.*

Postlude

(* Invites all who are able to stand)

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.

Happy Birthday this week to... Itsy Sloan, John Sykes, Marty Wicks Mueller, David Herring, Callan Bean, Cathy Price, Betty Mazingo, Laura Bennett, Gabriel Grieger, Asia Grieger, D. J. Jarman, Ralph Schroeder

This Week's Activities

Today 8:45am **Morning Glory Worship Service** / 2¢ a meal

9:40am Morning Manna

9:50am Sunday School

11:00am **Worship Service** / 2¢ a meal

Mon Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Tues 5:30pm GED Class

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

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

5:30-6:15pm Parent Night and Registration for LOGOS

6:15-6:30pm Stars Wars Skit

6:30-7:30pm LOGOS Staff Meeting with dinner

7:30pm Choir Practice

Thurs 5:30pm GED Class

Fri Pastor's Sabbath

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Memory Verse

Romans 13:8-10 (MSG)

Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is love.

Thank you to the MOPC Service Circle and everyone who helped with Rally Day Breakfast last week. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed it.

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: David Kornegay

Prelude Speaker: Pastor

Nursery: Meredith Shivar & Volunteer

Counters: John Sykes, Lynne Fulghum, Tony Jones

Ushers 8:45am: Ben and Cage Bullard

11:00am: Carl Rivenbark, John Roberston, Jim Roten, Lee Sargent

Thank you... to Glen McCune and Keith Wright for today's special music.

Record of Stewardship:	Aug. 27	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$2,075.00	\$131,454.39	\$140,706.29	(\$9,251.90)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 230.00	\$ 15,598.06	\$ 19,618.28	(\$4,020.22)
2014 Building Campaign	\$ 550.00	\$ 20,057.75	\$ 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.

Footprints Preschool Scholarships... we are very thankful that we have full enrollment in our preschool. Two of our students are in need of partial scholarship help. Tuition is \$60 per 3-day week (approximately \$2,000 per year). If anyone may feel called to help out with funding the Terri McKay Scholarship Fund to help these two students, we would be very grateful. Mark your donation Footprints Scholarship Fund.

Come and join the choir ... It is time for choir to begin once more. We will start with choir rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 6th @ 7:30pm**. We need you! Please consider joining the choir if you love music and enjoy singing. We are a supportive group with a mission - to raise our voices in worship of our Maker. I promise that we will do everything in our power to make you feel included and appreciated! Interested? Come and talk with us after church on Sunday or just show up on a Wednesday night! Cathy

School Supply Collection... It's hard to believe it but school will be starting in a couple of weeks! As in year's past, we will collect school supplies for Carver Elementary School and Mt. Olive Middle School. Bins will be provided in Baker Fellowship Hall to collect your items. Some suggested items are noted here: Notebook paper, Dry Erase Markers, Folders, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Rulers, Hand sanitizer, Notebooks (1, 3 & 5 subject), Clorox Wipes, Crayons, Binders, Tissues, Markers, Highlighter pens. We haven't forgotten Southern Wayne High School. However, most students need specific items such as thumb drives, etc. If you'd like to support SWHS, you can make a monetary donation and we'll purchase items specifically identified by school officials. Finally, if you don't have time to shop and would like to make a monetary contribution, just note "school supplies" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope and we'll do the shopping for you! Thanks, Outreach Committee

Back Pack Buddies... School is starting this week and so will Back Pack Buddies bags. Each week we put together 40 bags with food for students at Carver Elementary and MOMS. Students receiving these are chosen by school officials The cost is about \$200.00 a week. Please consider helping us to help children in our community with food insecurity. Any donations or help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Here is a list of what we usually include in the bags... all items are single serve- canned Pasta (pop top), Pop Tarts, Breakfast Bars (No peanuts), Cheese Nabs (No peanut butter nabs), Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Beanie Weenies, Chips, Oatmeal Snack Cookies, Fruit Drink Pouches.

Early Registration for LOGOS 20th year... Wednesday, September 6th @ 5:30-6:15pm will be the Parent Registration, @ 6:15pm Stars Wars Skit and @ 6:30-7:30pm Staff Mtg / Dinner. LOGOS starts on Wednesday, September 13 at 4:30PM. We pray for another grace-filled year of connecting across the ages, sharing laughter and music, and growing in faith in Christ together. *All students must be registered by a parent, grandparent or "parent mentor" each year.* LOGOS is an interdenominational weekly program open to the entire community and features a new theme and scripture topic each week. It is a well-rounded program of recreation, Bible study, worship and a family-style meal that meets every Wednesday from 4:30-6:30pm, September-March. For more information call the church office at 919-658-2044. Registration forms will also be available from the church office. Remember there is a discount for early registration.

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 9/3/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... Becky Boudreaux and family (Lynda Roten's sister, lives in Texas and had to evacuate, they are safe), Tommy Hollowell (Genesis for rehab), Dexter Hill (recovery from back surgery-Lee Cozart's son-in-law), People affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana, along with Rescue Teams, First Responders, Volunteers, Dale Murat (cancer, friend of Eric Shivar), Joyce Sloan (effective physical therapy-walking), J. L. Price, Alma Price, Fostina Cooper (ALS), Violet Brown, Christine Stanley

8/27 Maureen Keathley (recovery from surgery on 8/23)

8/20 Barbara Davis (home, serious eye infection-Anna's sister), family of Gentry Wayne Pridgen (died 8/13, son of Wayne & Audrey Pridgen) Ann James (still no diagnosis, waiting for test results, co-worker of Meredith Shivar), Marie Wiggins (brother passed away 8/13, sister-in-law of Kitsie Jones), Dexter Hill (extensive surgery on back on 8/18), Henry Graham (WMH - upper GI test, brother-in-law of Connie Graham), Anne Dewar (spot on lung, waiting for biopsy results), Sharon Smith (cancer, radiation treatments over, speech therapy), Craig & Jan Jackson family

8/13 Teeny Cox (now at Countryside in Pikeville), Glen Walton (testing & health issues, has dealt with stage 4 cancer in the past), Samantha Garrison (Duke Medical, shunt repair - Pastor's niece), Brenda Bass (Rex Hosp., stent on 8/11), family of Ben Searingen (grandfather to Stephanie Wright, Ben's wife)

8/6 Speck Tyndall (health issues), Trish Schantz (Bone marrow transplant 8/2, friend of Carol Mele), Irene Patten (compression fracture in back), Janet Kennedy (back issues), family of Jimmy Johnson (husband of Zelda, father of Sue Miller, died 7/27), Zelda Johnson, Gene Mercer (Steven's neighbor, stroke), Jennifer McInnis (liver cancer), David

Stentz (health issues), Barbara Herring's friend's aunt (cancer), Praise! Ann Akers (leukemia remitted, friend of Connie Graham), Thanks for all our Sunday School teachers **7/30** Connie Garlick (medical issues, sister of Carol Mele & Cathy Price), George Holland (Kitty Askins, brother-in-law of Louise Holland), Sybil Bruce (Pamela Bean's mother-general health issues), Denise Fluharty (2nd operation for breast cancer - neighbor of Michael & 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 County EMS **7/23** Brittney Woodard (cancer-daughter of Tim Woodard at UMO), Elizabeth Price Blizzard - (health concerns), Glenda Moore (stage 4 lung cancer, close friend of Doris & Millis Wright (parents of Keith Wright)

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, Dale Murat, 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, people affected by power outage in Outer Banks, Situation in Charlottesville, VA-families affected by deaths and injuries and community healing.



We are called to be neighbors to those in need,
Especially those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana.