

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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 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

Carol Mele

Prelude

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

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you call us to righteousness and light. Teach us the undivided law of love, that we may love your children even as you do, love you with all our will and strength, and find our freedom in this blessed service, taught to us in word and deed by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

People: love is the fulfillment of the law.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 118 (Blue)**

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

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

Moment for September 11, 2001 Remembrance

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 31)

Genesis 40:23-41:16 (NIV)

Anthem Amazing Grace and Love Newton, Wesley and Hurley

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see

 Amazing love, how can it be that he would die for you and me?

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

 Amazing love, how can it be that he would die for you and me?

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; It's grace that's brought me so very far, and grace will lead me home.

 Amazing love, how can it be that he would die for you and me?

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no fewer days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun!

 Amazing grace! Amazing grace! Amazing love!

Scripture Reading (page 31)

Genesis 41:17-40 (NIV)

Gospel Reading (page 695)

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Robin Webster

***Hymn 376 (Blue)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Sermon

"I Cannot Do It, But God Can!"

Sentence of Scripture

Genesis 41:16 (NIV)

"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

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 367 (Blue)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

CHEREPONI

*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 are: Jonathan & Ashley Miller (5 years), Mack & Judy Parks (48 years)

Happy Birthday this week to... David Tan, Taylor Dail, Jessica Parrish, Anne Dewar, Janet Phipps

It's Build your own Nacho night! This Friday, September 15 @ 6:00pm. We'll watch an inspirational Christian movie: *Miracles from Heaven*. We think you'll agree that these days, we need all the inspiration and uplifting we can get! You'll feed your body and soul! It doesn't get any better than that. Hebrews 10:25 tells us: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." Come and be encouraged by the fun, food and fellowship, the movie and each other. We'll miss you if you are "provisionally hindered".

Memory Verse

Romans 13:13-14-10 (NLT)

Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: David Kornegay

Prelude Speaker: Carol Mele

Children's Time: Robin Webster

Counters: John Sykes, Melba Keathley, Tommy Brown **Nursery:** Jim & Lynda Roten

Ushers 8:45am: Ben and Cage Bullard

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

Come and join the choir ... Choir practice is on **Wednesdays @ 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

This Week's Activities

Today 8:45am **Morning Glory Worship Service**
9:40am Morning Manna
9:50am Sunday School
11:00am **Worship Service**
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
6:00pm FLASH - middle & high school youth meet @ FBC

Mon 9-12noon Footprints Preschool
6:00pm Cub Scouts

Tues 6:15pm Service Circle Annual Salad Supper @ Sykes' home

Wed 6:45am Iron Men Gathering at Piggly-Wiggly
9-12noon Footprints Preschool
4:30-7:30pm LOGOS First Night - Hometown Heros
7:30pm Choir Practice - New Members Welcome!

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*
9-12noon Footprints Preschool
6:00pm Build Your Own Nacho & Movie Night

Sat 9am-12noon Girl Scouts

Record of Stewardship:	Sept. 3	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$5,795.68	\$137,250.07	\$144,970.12	(\$7,720.05)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 332.00	\$ 15,930.06	\$ 20,195.20	(\$4,265.14)
2014 Building Campaign	\$ 280.00	\$ 20,337.75	\$ 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.

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.

Registration for LOGOS 20th year... 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 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 on or before September 13.

Two New Habitat Houses in Mount Olive... Mount Olive Habitat Houses #9 & #10. The last Mount Olive Habitat for Humanity house was built in 2013. It was the 7th "Faith-Build" house sponsored by Mount Olive Partners for Habitat, a loose-knit organization of churches, businesses, clubs, non-profit groups, UMO and especially individuals like you. Leadership for this effort was provided by the Mount Olive Area Ministerial Association. Lula Newkirk of Helping Hands United Mission and I served as the Co-Chairs for Mount Olive Partners for all 7 houses. An 8th house was also built primarily by Southern Wayne High School shop classes from grants provided by Lowe's Home Improvement and Mt. Olive Pickle Company. Now Mount Olive Partners for Habitat is planning to build two houses consecutively in Spring 2018 and Fall 2018. Providentially, two adjacent lots at the corner of South Chestnut Street and West Pollock Street became available. But we can't do this without your help! There are copies of the letter from Habitat on the table in the back of the church. Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a big difference! Thanks so much for your consideration to help two qualified families have a place to truly call "home." You are welcome to make your check out to MOPC, notated "Habitat Houses" and we will forward to HFHGW and record on your giving statement.

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 9/10/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... family of Bill Hartley (dear passed away 9/5, uncle of Chellie Loftin), Anne Dewar (treatment for lung spot), Speck Tyndall (procedure for dialysis), family of David Stephens (passed away 9/2), Heather Schroeder (surgery 10/3 to remove fibroids), Alison Scalzo (starting 3 years on her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology focusing on Military Suicides, niece of Dick & Annette Hansen) **9/3** 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)

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: Hurricane Irma pathway, Hurricane Harvey recovery, 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.