

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Mount Olive, North Carolina

143rd Homecoming Service



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
Celebrating 143rd Homecoming and 20 Years of LOGOS
September 17, 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

Great and Good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world out there, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** (*Dag Hammarskjöld 1905-1961*)

***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: Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

People: Christ is LORD of the dead and the living.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 361 (Blue)**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Prayer of Confession: (*In Unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, 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 Celebrating Our 20TH Year of LOGOS ...*By God's Grace!*

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 428)

Psalm 103 (NIV)

Anthem

Gospel Reading (page 706)

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

***Hymn 400 (Blue)**

When We Are Living

SOMOS del SEÑOR

Sermon

"What Camellias Taught Me..."

Pastor Steve Frazier

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 281 (Blue)**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CVM RHONDDA

*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 two 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 this week... are given to the Glory of God in celebration and gratitude to God and God's servants for 20 years of LOGOS at Mount Olive Presbyterian Church.

Happy Birthday this week to... Susie Cox, Cage Bullard, Faye Porter, Alaina Thomas, Laverne Allison, Katarina Simpson, Litz Francis, Kristin Alphin, Beulah Jackson, Caroline Joyner

Memory Verse

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: David Kornegay

Prelude Speaker: Pastor

Children's Time: Tena Boyd

Counters: John Sykes, Robin McSwain, Ralph Schroeder

Nursery: Judith Graves & Volunteer

Ushers 11:00am: Major Jones, Matt Soper, Carl Rivenbark, John Robertson, Jim Roten, Lee Sargent

Today we welcome... the Reverend Dr. Steve Frazier and his wife, Diana, who were responsible for establishing a LOGOS ministry at our church twenty years ago. We are very grateful for their faithfulness in answering God's call. Steve will preach the sermon today.

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

Registration for LOGOS 20th year... LOGOS started on Wednesday, September 13. All community and church students are invited to attend and have fun! *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 are also available from the church office and will be made available on our website.

This Week's Activities

Today 9:40am Morning Manna
 9:50am Sunday School
 11:00am **Combined Worship Service / Homecoming /20th year of LOGOS**
 12:05pm Homecoming Luncheon
 6:00pm FLASH - middle & high school youth meet @ FBC

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

Tues 5:30pm GED Class
 6:15pm Service Circle Annual Salad Supper @ Sykes' home
 7:00pm Worship Committee

Wed 6:45am Iron Men Gathering at Piggly-Wiggly
 9-12noon Footprints Preschool
 4:30-7:30pm LOGOS - Pirate Night

Thurs 5:30pm GED Class
 7:30pm Choir Practice - New Members Welcome!

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*
 9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Record of Stewardship:	Sept. 10	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$7,560.00	\$144,810.07	\$149,233.95	(\$4,423.88)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 350.00	\$ 16,280.06	\$ 20,195.20	(\$3,915.14)
2014 Building Campaign	\$ 55.00	\$ 20,392.75	\$ 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.



Help a child or youth attend LOGOS this year... In recognition and celebration of our 20th year of LOGOS ministry, our special offering opportunity this month will be for the MOPC LOGOS Scholarship Fund. This fund helps pay for full or partial scholarships for students who otherwise would not be able to attend LOGOS. It is our desire that no student be turned away for financial reasons. A key tenet of LOGOS is that everyone is a child of God and should be treated with the love, respect, and dignity that are found in Jesus' great commandment to us. Your generous gift is encouraged so that LOGOS can be experienced by any child or youth. Thanks!

Back Pack Buddies... School has started and so has 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.



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. 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 9/17/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... Folks affected by Hurricane Irma, Thanks for first responder teams, family of Rev. Frank Harrison in the loss of son Kris in a Duke Life Flight crash 9/8, Cathy Mason (pneumonia), wild fires in western US, Speck Tyndall (recovery from procedure)

9/10 family of Bill Hartley (passed away 9/5, dear uncle of Chellie Loftin), Anne Dewar (treatment for lung spot), 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 recovery, Hurricane Harvey recovery, World Leaders, Healing of our land, All newly elected officials, Crisis in Syria, Situation in North Korea, London bombing