

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 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

Ralph Schroeder

Prelude

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

Prayer of the Day

God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your praise. Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected. Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your amazing grace that we may witness to your steadfast love and practice abundant generosity, which embraces both those we call friend and those we call stranger. **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: Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

People: Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.

All: Let us worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn 469 (Blue)** **Morning Has Broken**

BUNESSAN

Prayer of Confession: (*In Unison*)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of 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** **Jesus, Name Above All Names** (see insert) HEARN

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 32)

Genesis 42:1-28 (NIV)

Anthem **Look to the Cross** R. Schram

Look to the cross, see His agony and pain. Look to the cross, see His suffering and shame.
It was I who should have died; it was I who should have been crucified!

But, here I am; looking to the cross I gaze upon the Lamb.

Look to the cross, see His bleeding hands and feet.

Look to the cross, where His love has met my need.

It was I who should have died; it was I who should have been crucified!

But, here I am looking to the cross, I gaze upon the Lamb.

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O, let me from this day be wholly Thine!

Look to the cross.

Gospel Reading (page 697)

Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

***Hymn 289 (Blue)** **O God of Every Nation** LLANGLOFFAN

Sermon

"The Extravagance of Grace"

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 372 (Red)**

Living For Jesus

LIVING

*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 of David McSwain's birthday with love by Momma.

Celebrating an anniversary this week... Kevin & Cary Kornegay (13 years), Ralph & Brenda Schroeder (40 years), DJ & Cindy Jarman (36 years), Patrick & Shanda Schroeder (16 years)

Happy Birthday this week to... Sharon Jones Blair, David McSwain, Sarah Boyd, Paulensky Francis, Kristal Jones, Web Sullivan, Jeni Lambert

Memory Verse

Romans 15:13 (MSG)

May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

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 meets on Wednesdays, 4:30 - 7:30pm. 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. 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.

Mentors are critical to student success! You can be an important person in the life of a child by investing 15 minutes a week. The time that you spend with a student will be life-changing for him/her and sometimes for you as well. We are looking for kind folks willing to volunteer their time in the support of a child in need. Mentor training will be held at Mount Olive Middle School on Thursday night, September 28 at 6:30pm in the media center. Anyone interested in being a mentor is encouraged to attend! This training will last approximately one hour. Contact Terri McKay, CSS Success Coach at MOMS (919-658-7320) or tmckay@waynecss.org for more information.

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: David Kornegay

Prelude Speaker: Ralph Schroeder

Children's Time: Lynne Fulghum

Counters: John Sykes, Michael Williams, Annette Hansen

Nursery: Tena Boyd & Connie Graham

Ushers 8:45am: Major Jones, Matt Soper

11:00am: Matthew & David Kornegay, Jordan Williams, Gordon Bennett

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

This Week's Activities

Today 8:45am Morning Glory Worship Service

9:40am Morning Manna

9:50am Sunday School

11:00am **Worship Service**

2:00pm Girl Scout Daisy Meeting (K - 1st grade girls welcome-new troop)

6:00pm FLASH - middle & high school youth meet @ FBC

Mon 9-12noon Footprints Preschool

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Tues 10:00am Bible Study - All are Welcome

5:30pm GED Class

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

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

4:30-7:30pm LOGOS - Gone Fishin'

7:30pm Choir Practice - New Members Welcome!

Fri *Pastor's Sabbath*

9-12noon Footprints Preschool

Record of Stewardship:

	Sept. 17	YTD	YTD Budgeted	YTD
	Income	Income	Expenditures	Difference
2017 General Fund	\$4,358.00	\$149,168.07	\$153,497.78	(\$4,329.71)
2017 Building Fund	\$ 565.00	\$ 16,845.06	\$ 20,195.20	(\$3,350.14)
2014 Building Campaign	\$ 375.00	\$ 20,767.75	\$ 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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study... for the fall will start on September 26 @10am. We will be studying the Book of Genesis. You are invited to attend when you can. Everyone is welcome.

Girl Scout Troop 4507 Daisies... is starting for girls in kindergarten and 1st grade at MOPC. They will be meeting every other Sunday afternoon, 2-4pm. An information meeting will be today at 2pm in the fellowship hall; families will learn about Girl Scouts and be able to register. Please contact Brooke Vallely at bbanson@nccoastalpines.org for more information.

Beginning next Sunday, October 1... in an effort to save paper and \$\$, we will no longer be printing all of the news, announcements and schedules in your bulletin. These will be sent to your email on Fridays. For those of you who do not have or use email, there will be printed copies on the tables in the rear of the church or you can ask an usher.

Please note: If you have not been receiving regular emails from us, you need to let the church office know. I have no way to know if your email address was one of the ones lost when ATT *'was fixing things'* a couple of months ago.

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 for the \$426.00 in gifts last Sunday!

Back Pack Buddies... Now that School has started, so has our Back Pack Buddies Ministry. 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... 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! 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.

MOPC LOGOS Hurricane Relief Collection Drive... through Thursday, September 30. Please bring any of the FOLLOWING ITEMS: First Aid Supplies, Bug Spray, Batteries (all sizes - AAA to D), Work Gloves. Marked collection boxes will be in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be taken to Church of Deliverance Outreach Ministries here in Mount Olive, which is delivering truckloads for the foreseeable future.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 9/24/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... family of Robert McCullen (28 yr old electrical worker electrocuted 9/19 at Butterball plant), family of Larry Bray (Robin McSwain's uncle who passed away 9/16), lives affected by Hurricane Maria, earthquakes in Mexico and Los Angeles areas, Puerto Rico power outage, Elsa Bosch (kidney disease, friend of Dayle Conover), Rhoda Huffman (diabetic retinopathy, friend of Dayle Conover), family of Gene Mercer (passed away 9/21 @WMH, Pastor Steven's neighbor) **9/17** 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

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, Situation in North Korea, London bombing