

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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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

Pastor

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

Prayer of the Day

God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life. Pour out your mercy on us as you showed mercy to your people of old, that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known in Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*Choral Introit

His Name Is Life

Hymn 114 (Red)

His name is Master, Savior, Lion of Judah, Blessed Prince of Peace.

Shepherd, Fortress, Rock of Salvation, Lamb of God is He.

Son of David, King of the Ages, Eternal Life, Holy Lord of Glory, His name is Life.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let every tongue confess the good news:

People: Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

All: Let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn 356 (Blue)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Prayer of Confession: *(In Unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, the orphaned and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from our

selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through 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 Spirit of the Living God Hymn 247 (Red)**
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (page 831

Philippians 2:1-13 (NIV)

Anthem Trust In The Lord Beall & Carter

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, and He will direct you paths.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, and He will direct you paths.

Fear the Lord, fear the Lord, and turn your face from evil.

Fear the Lord fear the Lord, and He will heal your soul

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, and He will direct you paths.

Honor the Lord, honor the Lord, there is wisdom in all His ways.

Honor the Lord, honor the Lord; your reward is better than gold.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, and He will direct you paths.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord; for He founded the earth and the sky.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! In heritage His glory and grace.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, and He will direct you paths.

Gospel Reading (page 698)

Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

2 Cents a Meal

***Hymn 517 (Blue)**

We Come as Guests Invited WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MEIN

Sermon

"Tax Collectors and Prostitutes!"

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with His disciples, He took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. You formed us in Your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve You, and to live in peace with Your whole creation. When we rebelled against You refusing to trust and obey You, You did not reject us, but still claimed us as Your own. You sent prophets to call us back to Your way. Then in the fullness of time, out of Your great love for the world, You sent Your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Response of the people: (Sing verse 4 of Hymn 138)

All: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of Your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, He gave Himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, He won for us victory over death. Seated at Your right hand, He leads us to eternal life. We praise You that Christ now reigns with You in glory, and will come again to make all things new. **Amen.**

Leader: Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate His dying and rising, as we await the day of His coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to Your service.

Response of the people:

Leader: Praise to You, Lord Jesus:

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with

Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. In union with Your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that You will fulfill Your eternal purpose in us and in all the world. Keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Minister breaks the bread in full view of the people and lifts the cup.

Communion of the People

INVITATION

Jesus said: *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.* (John 6:35)

COMMUNION

The bread and cup are served to the people.

As you pass the bread, say "This is the body of Christ given for you."

As you pass the cup, say "This is the blood of Christ shed for you."

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for Your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received His cup, to be His faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of Your kingdom, and our love be Your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CALLED TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Hymn 142 (Blue)**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*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 Robin McSwain's and Patrick McSwain's birthdays with love by Robbie McSwain.

Celebrating an anniversary this week... Steven & Alice Wicks (43 years), Ernie & Marybeth Taylor (4 years)

Happy Birthday this week to... Cyndy Lovic, Robin McSwain, Patrick McSwain, Vicky Brinkley, Brenda Bass, Brenda Schroeder, Jeff Thigpen, Debbie Grady, Donnie Dixon, Samantha Freeman, Judith Graves, Tena Boyd

Thank You... to Bill Ford for playing the flute in today's anthem

Memory Verse

Romans 16:1-2 (MSG)

"Be sure to welcome our friend Phoebe in the way of the Master, with all the generous hospitality we Christians are famous for. I heartily endorse both her and her work. She's a key representative of the church at Cenchrea. Help her out in whatever she asks. She deserves anything you can do for her. She's helped many a person, including me."

Volunteers for Worship Services Today

Building Superintendent: Michael Williams

Communion Servers 8:45am: Matt Soper, Brian Bullard

11:00am: Annette Hansen, Ralph Schroeder, Carol Mele + 2 more

Prelude Speaker: Pastor

Children's Time: Meredith

Counters: John Sykes, Lynne Fulghum, Tony Jones

Nursery: Jim & Lynda Roten

Ushers 8:45am: Charles Loftin, Matt Soper

11:00am: Pete Sargent, Graham Bennett, Tommy Brown, Jeff Smith

This Week's Activities

- Today** 8:45am Morning Glory Worship Service / 2 cents a meal
9:40am Morning Manna
9:50am Sunday School
11:00am **Worship Service** / 2 cents a meal
4:30pm Outreach, Witness & Stewardship Comm.
4:30pm A, F & P Comm., Spiritual Growth, Nurture & Care Comm.
5:00pm Christian Education Comm. and 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** 10:00am Bible Study - All are Welcome
5:30pm GED Class
- Wed** 6:45am Iron Men Gathering at Piggly-Wiggly
9-12noon Footprints Preschool
LOGOS - Break
7:30pm Choir Practice - New Members Welcome!
- Fri** *Pastor's Sabbath*
9-12noon Footprints Preschool
6:00pm Game Night - Bring a snack to share
- Sat** 9:00am-noon Girl Scouts
4:00pm Zone 4-12 - Pumpkin Carving (Grades 1-5)

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our prayer concerns this week 10/1/17 (*Names put on weekly prayer list will remain for 1 month*)... Caellah Allison (recovery from surgert 9/19 to implant a VNS), Ben Colson (recovery from thumb surgery 9/29), Craig Jackson's service dong Steven (recovery from bad accident), Joyce Sloan (home), SWHS faculty, principal and staff **9/24** 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)