

Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church at a Glance

Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church (MOPC) is located in a residential area of Salt Lake County by the east Interstate 215 beltway, near the beautiful foothills of the Wasatch Mountain range.

MOPC is a vibrant fellowship with a stated goal of becoming more passionate followers of Jesus Christ. Our thriving congregation is well-balanced in age distribution across all generations. We are a diverse community of believers. We welcome breadth in thoughts and views, and although we hold varying opinions, we are identified by our unity in Christ. Our top priority is creating an environment in which all people can become passionate followers of Christ! There are two Sunday worship services: 8:30 AM traditional service and 11 AM contemporary. We offer Facebook Live for remote worship at each service. MOPC has had excellent stability in their membership and staff including the tenure of the previous two pastors serving for 26 years and 14 years. Our present Senior Pastor Chris Pritchett has served in that role for two years.

MOPC has a strong history of being a mission-oriented church. The church hosts Mount Olympus Christian Child Care Center for children up through kindergarten along with an after school program. MOPC places a high priority on developing meaningful long-term relationships with the ministries that we support. Our global missions are focused on financial support to indigenous Christian ministries in Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Tanzania and Tunisia, as well as sponsorship of frequent youth and adult mission trips to Nakuru, Kenya and Nassa Theological College in Tanzania. Our local missions include on-going financial and volunteer support for low-income and homeless persons, refugees, persons leaving polygamy, state-wide support for campus students through InterVarsity campus ministry, and outreach to international students at the University of Utah. Recently, our church mounted efforts to assist incoming Afghan refugees arriving in Utah.

Children's and youth ministries are exceptionally strong at MOPC. The focus for children's ministry is to provide the foundation of Christian education for families. Sunday school classes are run during the school year with a strong emphasis on Biblically based teaching. During the Sunday school hour, MOPC offers an opportunity for parents to gather in a class called Parents Café which centers on raising children in the Christian faith. Youth ministry is robust with over 50 youth participating in weekly meetings and activities. In addition to growing the faith journeys of our youth, our program is known throughout the valley and continuously draws students from outside the congregation to discover and explore their personal beliefs. One indicator of this program's effectiveness is that 6 young adults have gone on to seminary training in the past 15 years.

MOPC has a strong culture of continuous learning. This is evident by the participation in adult education classes in traditional and non-traditional settings. Education classes for adults are held during the Sunday school hour and during the week. Men's and women's ministries exist with weekly Bible studies, a Presbyterian Women's group, and book clubs. The women's ministry engages in annual fellowship retreats and a fundraising bazaar.

The Board of Deacons provide an effective ministry of caring for congregational members and more intensive care is provided by our Stephen Ministry program.

MOPC hosts many fellowship activities including hiking, mountain/road biking, and golfing, as well as fielding teams in softball and basketball leagues with other local churches. Our seniors meet monthly for camaraderie and social time, which includes lunch and educational programs.