

DECEMBER 15, 2013

* PRELUDE: “*Mary, Did You Know?*”

* WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Philippians 4:4

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.

People: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Leader: Let us worship God!

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No. 163

“*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*”

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

(Kim and Rick Smith)

+ **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.

+ GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Kasey Reid

QUIET MEDITATION: “*I Wonder as I Wander*”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “*Come to Us, O Promised One*”

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No 166

“*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*”

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10

SERMON: “The Open Road” Lee Thomas

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 170

“*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “*Alleluia*”

+ POSTLUDE: “*Mary Had a Baby*”

+ **CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND**

* **USHERS MAY SEAT THOSE WAITING**

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

10:00 A.M.

Morning Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Sunday School for all ages

5:30 P.M.

Christmas Program and Dinner

WEDNESDAY:

5:00 P.M.

OYF (meet at CiCi’s and then caroling)

THURSDAY

6:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal ((Olivet)

Our greeters today are Lynette and Mark Miller.

Our prayer family this week is Laura and Jerry Argenbright.

The Women are collecting Food Baskets for the Salvation Army to be distributed to the needy for the Christmas season. Please leave donations in the social hall by next Sunday, December 22, 2013. The collection for items for SACRA will resume the first of the year.

A Kitchen Fund has been created to renovate the kitchen and the surrounding area. Anyone wishing to contribute may make checks payable to *Olivet Presbyterian Church* and earmarked *Kitchen Fund*. Full details of the planned work which will begin in January of 2014 is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

The 2014 Relay for Life event will be held at Riverheads High School on May 17th-May 18th. There will be a kick-off fundraiser in January at Olivet. Anyone wishing to join the Olivet Strutters is asked to see Vickey Wood.

Olivet and the Church of the Brethren’s choirs will jointly present their music program at the Brethren Church this morning at 11:00 a.m. and at Olivet during the morning worship service on Sunday, January 5, 2014. They will have an encore performance that evening at 7:00 p.m. as a benefit for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank at the Church of the Brethren.

There will be a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m.

Legacy Christmas is a collection of Celtic-inspired Christmas carols produced by Living Waters for the World. The cost of the CD is \$15.00 and proceeds will be shared 50/50 between the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering and LWW. The real story is in the ministry itself—clean water—and in PW’s partnership with LWW, improving the lives of women and children throughout the world. The CD’s are available in the vestibule. If you have already received a copy, please pay Dana Eastman.