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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2016

Brandon Hatcher
Langdon Reid
Chuck Richie
Philip Balsley

CLASS OF 2017

John Charbeneau
Christel Nicklas
Don Reid
D. Reid
David Walton

Class of 2018

David Balsley
Charles Clemmer
Jean Ann Clemmer
Rex Frye
Phil Phillips

THE TRUSTEES

David Riel Ruth Bailey Joe Hemp

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Steve Richie-Superintendent David Balsley-Assistant Superintendent

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Co-ordinating Team

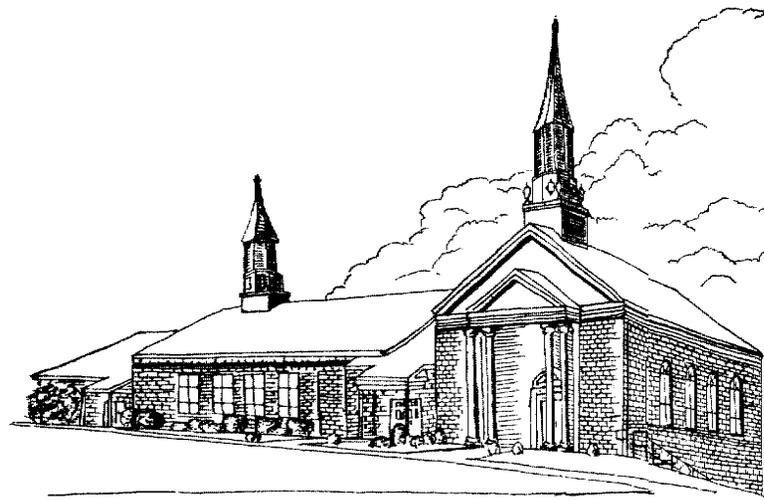
Karen Stevens-Moderator Vice Moderator-Stephanie Stevens
Carolyn Via-Secretary Jean Ann Clemmer-Historian

Members-at-Large

Stephanie Stevens, Mary Helen Thorne, Kim Smith and Alexis Reid
Christmas Program
Angela Leach-Missions
Kim Smith and Kodi Frye-Easter Program
Christel Nicklas and Kim Smith-Birthday Objective Program
Pat Balsley-Search Committee

Circle Representatives

Pat Hunter..... Circle 3
Mary Helen Clemmer Circle 4
Esther Ann Walton..... Circle 6



"The little church with a big heart"

Olivet Presbyterian Church

1019 Richmond Avenue
Staunton, Virginia 24401

The Rev. Lee Thomas, Pastor

DECEMBER 18, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green) No. 190

“Angels from the Realms of Glory

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Jack Reid and Davis Reid

+ 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 Teresa Whitesell

QUIET MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *“Who Will Make Him Welcome?”*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Green) No. 182

“How Great Our Joy!”

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:8-5

SERMON:

Lee Thomas

“An Unexpected Visit”

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Green) No. 177

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

+ BENEDICTION

- CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Be near me Lord Jesus, I
- ask Thee to stay, close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless
- all the dear children in Thy tender care. And fit us for heaven to
- live with Thee there!”

POSTLUDE

+CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

10:00A.M. Morning Worship Service
Attendance last week: 175
Offering last week: \$2,258.75
Sunday School attendance last week: 62
Sunday School offering last week: \$30.00

11:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
Confirmation Class (Death and Resurrection)

12 Noon Session meeting

MONDAY:

5:00 P.M. Christmas caroling

Our greeters today are Kim and Phil Miller.

Our prayer family this week is Jean Ann and Charles Clemmer.

The congregation is invited to go Christmas caroling on Monday, December 19, 2016. Please meet at King’s Daughters’ Rehab at 5:00 p.m. to begin with Anita and Johnnie Miller. From there 4 or 5 other places will be visited and then the group will go to dinner around 7:00 p.m.

The combined choirs of Olivet and Staunton Church of the Brethren will present a repeat of their program of Christmas music at SCOB on Sunday, Sunday, January 8, 2017 as a benefit for our local Food Bank.

For SACRA in December we will be collecting non-perishable breakfast foods such as cereals, cereal bars, boxed juices, pop tarts, etc. Please leave your donations in the social hall for delivery at the end of the month. Thanks for your continued support.

New and current serving Elders are asked to attend the Session meeting today at 12 Noon.

There will be an informal Candlelight Service held on Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. On Christmas Day and New Year’s Day there will be an informal service at 11:00 a.m. No Sunday School.