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The Rev. Lee Thomas (540-910-0861) .....	Pastor
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**THE SESSION**

**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

**Class of 2019**

Ray Leach  
Phil Miller  
Langdon Reid  
Chuck Richie  
Buck Robinson

**THE TRUSTEES**

Ruth Bailey	Joe Hemp	Harold Reid
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**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Steve Richie-Superintendent	David Balsley-Assistant Superintendent
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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Co-ordinating Team**

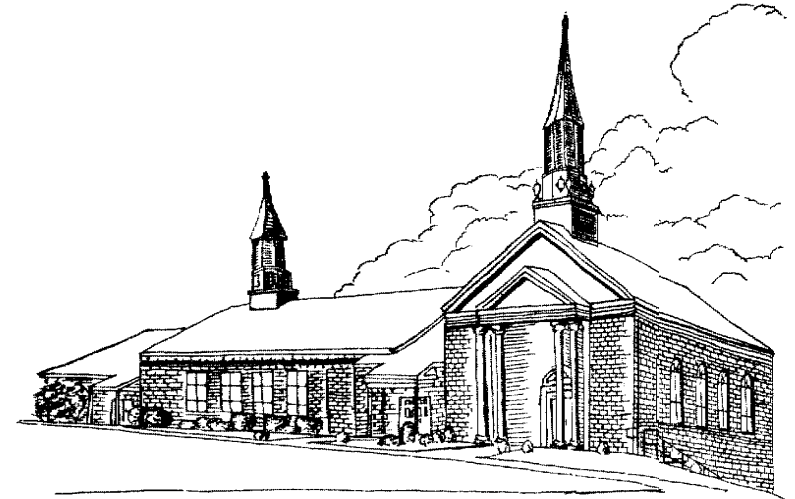
Stephanie Armstrong-Moderator	Vice Moderator-Sherry Herr
Carolyn Via-Secretary	Jean Ann Clemmer-Historian
Kodi Frye-Treasurer	

**Members-at-Large**

Alexis Reid-Christmas Program  
 Angela Leach-Missions  
 Kim Smith and Kodi Frye-Easter Program  
 Community Involvement Committee:  
 Amy Thomas, Christel Nicklas, Janna Milstead, Sherry Herr, Kahlan Smith  
 Pat Balsley-Search Committee

**Circle Representatives**

Pat Hunter.....	...Circle 3
Mary Helen Thorne.....	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 10, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

From Psalm 40

Leader: You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up and do not be afraid.

**People: Say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and He rules with a mighty arm. See, His reward is with Him. He tends His flock like a shepherd. He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE:

(Red) No. 151

*"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"*

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE David Holsinger**

+ **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.**

GLOIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mike Wood

QUIET MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"Hymn of Advent"*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION:

(Red) No. 147

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mark 1:1-8

**SERMON**

*"Straight from the Messenger"*

**Lee Thomas**

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

(Red) No. 152

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

+ BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *"Alleluia"*

POSTLUDE

**+CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND**

## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY:

10:00A.M.

Morning Worship Service

11:00 A.M.

Sunday School for all ages

Attendance last week: 153

Offering last week: \$2,824.00

Sunday School attendance last week: 47

Sunday School offering last week: \$59.00

### TUESDAY:

6:00 P.M.

Circle 6 will meet with Lynette Miller

### WEDNESDAY:

12 Noon

Circle 3 meets at Sanzone's Italian Restaurant

5:00 P.M.

Christmas caroling

Our greeters today are Amy Thomas, Marina and Miley.

Our prayer family this week is Barbara and Charles Masincup.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Sandra and Bill Sibert in affirmation of this season when we celebrate the incarnation of our Lord and Savior.

Olivet cookbooks are for sale for \$15.00 in the social hall after the morning service. (Great Christmas gifts).

The congregation is invited to go Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and visit with our shut-ins. Planning to go out to eat afterward.

The combined choirs of Olivet and Staunton Church of the Brethren will present a repeat performance of last week's musical program at the Brethren Church this morning during their morning service at 11:00 a.m.; and as a benefit for our local Food Bank on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

For SACRA during the month of December we will be collecting flour, sugar, jelly, syrup, cake mixes, baby items, toiletries and especially peanut butter. SACRA is in great need of these items. Please leave donations in the social hall and they will be delivered the end of the month. Thank you for your continued support.

For Missions we are collecting food items for food baskets for the Salvation Army to distribute to the needy in our area. Please leave donations in the social hall by Sunday, December 17, 2017. Let Angela Leach know if there are food items in the refrigerator.

The Olivet Christmas Program and Dinner will be held Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule by today so we will have a count for the dinner. Dessert donations would be appreciated.

There will be an informal Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m.