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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2019

Ray Leach
Phil Miller
Langdon Reid
Chuck Richie
Buck Robinson

CLASS OF 2020

Pat Balsley
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Don Reid
Butch Smiley
David Walton

Class of 2021

Charles Clemmer
Jean Ann Clemmer
Brandon Hatcher
Mark Miller
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THE TRUSTEES

Harold Reid Harry Hogshead Sonny Masincup

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Steve Richie-Superintendent David Balsley-Assistant Superintendent

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Co-ordinating Team

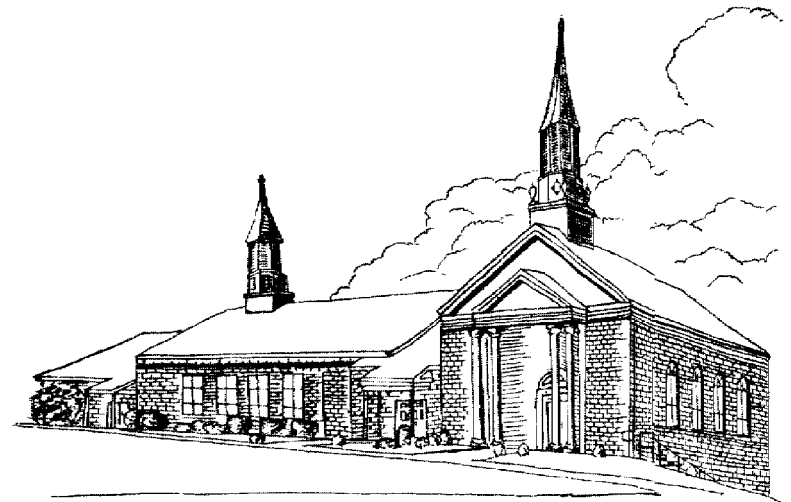
Jean Ann Clemmer-Moderator Vice Moderator-Sherry Herr
Carolyn Via-Secretary Joy Hogshead-Historian
Kodi Frye-Treasurer

Members-at-Large

Christmas Program-Amy Thomas
Easter Program
Community Involvement Committee:
Amy Thomas, Christel Nicklas, Janna Milstead, Sherry Herr, Kahlan Smith
Search Committee-Kim Weller

Circle Representatives

Pat Hunter.....Circle 3
Mary Helen Thorne.....Circle 4
.....Circle 6



"The little church with a big heart"

Olivet Presbyterian Church

**1019 Richmond Avenue
Staunton, Virginia 24401**

The Rev. Lee Thomas, Pastor

DECEMBER 15, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

From Isaiah 42

Leader: This is what God the Lord says:

People: I the Lord have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the gentiles.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE:

(Red) No. 155

"There's a Song in the Air!"

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Neal Coiner and Carol Fisher

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"Come to Us, O Promised One"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Helen Thorne

QUIET MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION:

(Red) No. 159

"What Child Is This"

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON: "Christ Among Us"

Lee Thomas

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE:

(Red) No. 160

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

+ 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 age groups

Church attendance last week: 128

Sunday School attendance last week: 44

Sunday School offering last week: \$40.00

12 Noon Session meeting

6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY:

6:00 P.M. Caroling (meet at the church)

Our greeters today are Janna and Gary Milstead.

Our prayer person this week is Sharon Paxton.

For SACRA during the month of December we are having a canned-food drive, such as canned vegetables, beans, fruits, peanut butters, jellies and meats. SACRA is in great need of these items. Please leave donations in the social hall by the last Sunday of the month.

On Tuesday, December 17, 2019 the congregation is invited to meet at Olivet at 6:00 p.m. to go caroling. A meal out is planned for afterwards.

There will be a Christmas play rehearsal during the Sunday School hour in the social hall today. The children's Christmas Program will be held this evening at 6:00 p.m. followed by a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Men of Olivet. A free-will offering will be received for the meal and proceeds will go to the children's weekend backpack ministry. Dessert donations will be appreciated.

The combined choirs of Olivet and Staunton Church of the Brethren will present a musical program at the Church of the Brethren this morning at 11:00 a.m. A repeat performance will be at the Brethren Church on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. where a free-will offering will be received to benefit our local Food Bank.

Details are in the Newsletter for bringing Christmas cheer to the abused women and children seeking shelter at New Directions. Ornaments on the Christmas tree in the vestibule detail things needed. Your contributions are appreciated.

There will be an informal Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.