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THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2019

Ray Leach
Phil Miller
Langdon Reid
Chuck Richie
Buck Robinson

CLASS OF 2020

Pat Balsley
D. Reid
Don Reid
Butch Smiley
David Walton

Class of 2021

Charles Clemmer
Jean Ann Clemmer
Brandon Hatcher
Mark Miller
Alexis Reid

THE TRUSTEES

Harold Reid Harry Hogshead Sonny Masincup

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Steve Richie-Superintendent David Balsley-Assistant Superintendent

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Co-ordinating Team

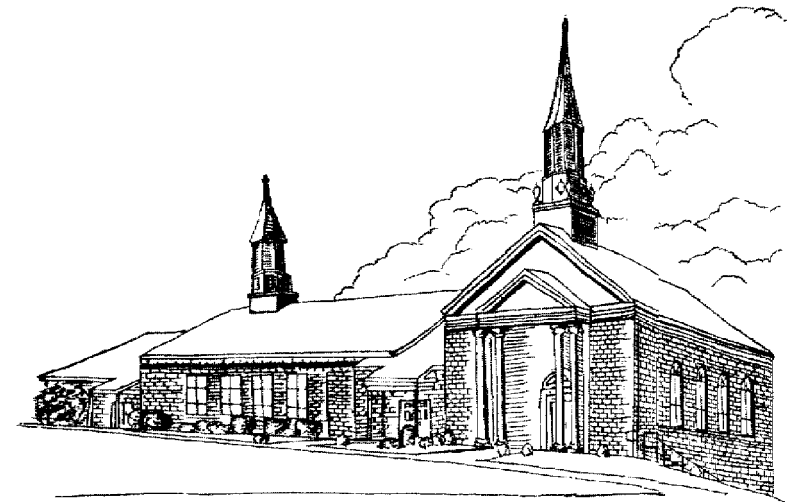
Jean Ann Clemmer-Moderator Vice Moderator-Sherry Herr
Carolyn Via-Secretary Joy Hogshead-Historian
Kodi Frye-Treasurer

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 22, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

From Isaiah 11

Leader: The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion together; and a little child will lead them.

People: In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and His place of rest will be glorious.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE:

(Red) No. 163

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Melanie and Brian Argenbright and Kaylin

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

Mary Helen Thorne

QUIET MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"The Snow Lay on the Ground"*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION:

(Red) No. 157

"Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON: "The Greatest Gift"

Lee Thomas

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE:

(Red) No. 158

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

+ 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: 120

Church offering last week: \$5,027.00

Sunday School attendance last week: 46

Sunday School offering last week: \$41.00

Refreshments-Social Hall

TUESDAY:

7:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our greeters today are Alexis and Langdon Reid, Caroline and Davis.

Our prayer family this week is Linda and Phil Phillips.

The congregation is invited for coffee, cider and doughnuts in the social hall this morning before Sunday School.

The Joy Gift offering will be received this morning and may be placed in the offering plate. This offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need.

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.

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

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

WOW! What a generous and loving church! All of our New Directions ornaments were covered by individuals, circles and Sunday School classes. Those mothers and children will have a lovely Christmas morning thanks to the children's program and the men preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner. The free-will offering for the weekend food backpack program came to \$702.00. In addition, Kodi made handmade Christmas cards for the children receiving the Christmas food packs this week. This will provide lots of food for empty tummies.

Elders going off active status at the end of the year are asked to please turn in your church key to the office. Keys are needed for newly elected officers.