

DECEMBER 10, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP: "*Child In a Manger*" (Green) No. 198

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No. 158

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Jones Family

+ 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

QUIET MEDITATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE "*Seek Ye First*"

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "*The Angel Gabriel*"

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 160

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

SERMON: "*Water and Spirit*" Lee Thomas

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 156

"The First Noel" (Verse 1, 2, &6)

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "*Alleluia*"

+ POSTLUDE

+ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

10:00 A.M. Morning worship service

11:00 A.M. Sunday School

THURSDAY:

6:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal

Our *prayer family* this week is Sherry and Ray Cox.

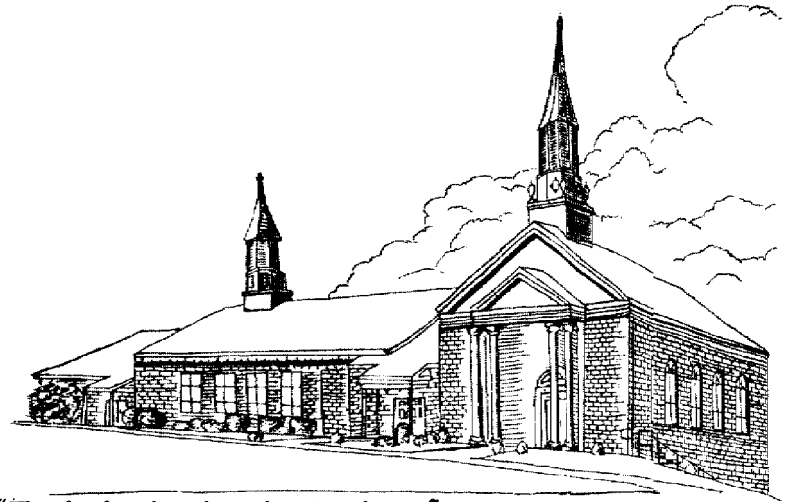
For *SACRA* during the month of December we are collecting non-perishable breakfast items such as cereals, cereal bars, boxed juices, pop tarts, etc. Please leave donations in the *upstairs social hall* by the last Sunday of the month.

Our *giving tree* is up in the vestibule and waiting to be decorated with gift cards for the abused women and children in our local shelter, New Directions. Not only does it provide safe shelter, it also provides trauma therapy and assistance in finding safe housing and employment. Our gift cards provide these women a means to buy Christmas gifts for their children. If you choose to give gas cards, that will help these women get to work. Please choose gift cards in denominations of \$25.00 or less so they may be easily distributed. Santa is coming to town!

There will be a church-wide covered-dish *Christmas dinner* on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Drink will be furnished.

The choir will present a *Christmas concert* during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 24, 2023.

There will be an informal *Candlelight Service* held on December 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



"The little church with a big heart"

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Rev. Lee Thomas, Pastor