

## DECEMBER 17, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No. 159  
*“What Child Is This”*

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**  
**Brian, Melanie, and Kaylin Argenbright**

+ **NICEENE CREED: (Red) No. 12**

+ GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM: *“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 126

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE  
*“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Susan Argenbright

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION : (Red) No. 162  
*“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

**SERMON: “Repeat the Sounding Joy” Lee Thomas**

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 157  
*“Away in a Manger”*

+ 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

Attendance last week: 62

12 Noon

Session meeting

### WEDNESDAY:

6:30 P.M.

Circle 6 will meet with Lynn DeBord  
(Christmas Dinner)

### THURSDAY:

6:00 P.M.

Choir rehearsal

Our prayer person this week is Birgit Craig.

We extend out heartfelt sympathy to Mary Tacy and family on the loss of her brother, Tom Wilson, on December 1, 2023.

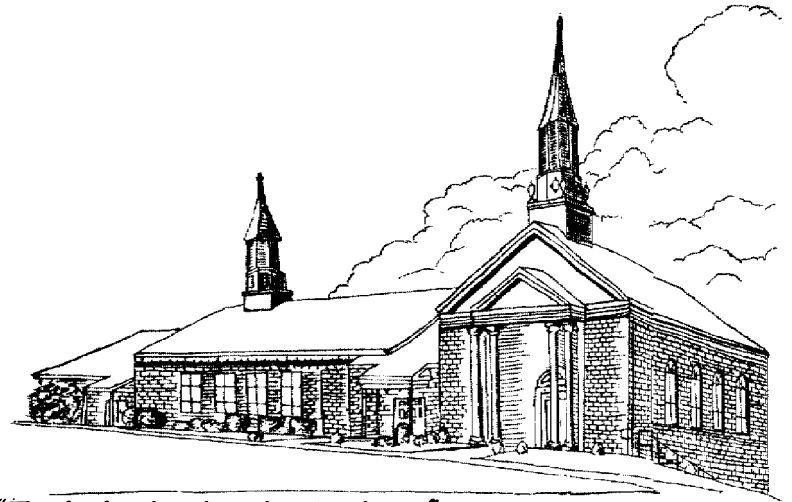
For SACRA during the month of December we are collecting non-perishable breakfast items such as cereals, cereal bars, boxed juices, pop tarts, etc. Please leave donations in the upstairs social hall by the last Sunday of the month.

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