



*"The little church with a big heart"*

## Olivet Presbyterian Church

1019 Richmond Avenue  
Staunton, Virginia 24401

The Rev. Lee Thomas, Pastor

**JANUARY 7, 2024**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP *“The Lord Is In His Holy Temple”*

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No. 21  
*”Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

+ **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: John Charbeneau

QUIET MEDITATION

EPISTLE READING: I Peter 1:13-21

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Feed My Lambs”*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 304  
*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 12:31-37

**SERMON: “A Holy Calling” Lee Thomas**

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 310  
*“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”*

+ 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: 65

**MONDAY:**

12 Noon Circle 3 will meet at the church

**TUESDAY:**

6:00 P. M. Circle 4 will meet at the church

**THURSDAY:**

6:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal

Our *prayer family* this week is Ann and Kiger Davis and Troy.

For *SACRA* during the month of January we are collecting personal hygiene products such as deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, etc. Please leave donations in the *upstairs social hall* by the last Sunday of the month.

Staunton Church of the Brethren cordially invites you to join them this evening for a *Twelfth Night Celebration* to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The program, *A Lesson in Carols*, begins at 7:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be received.

The *Session* will *meet* next Sunday, January 14, 2024 briefly at 9:40 a.m. to examine newly elected Elders and Trustee for the Class of 2026 prior to the installation during the church service.