

## DECEMBER 1, 2024

### PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No.151

*“Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”*

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

**Kodia and Rex Frye**

+ **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

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Tidings Carol”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:1-4

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Hear Our Prayer O Lord”*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 147

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 1:1-25-57-80

**SERMON: “First Things” Lee Thomas**

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 235

*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *“Alleluia”*

+ POSTLUDE

**+ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND**

## THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY:

10:00 A.M. Morning worship service

Attendance last Sunday: 67

11:00 A.M. Sunday School

CIC organizational meeting (social hall)

### TUESDAY:

11:00 A.M. Bible Study

Our *prayer family* this week is Amy and Lee Thomas, Marina and Miley.

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

Olivet Men’s Fellowship will meet on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at the church at 2:00 p.m. to go *Christmas Caroling*. The congregation is invited to join them.

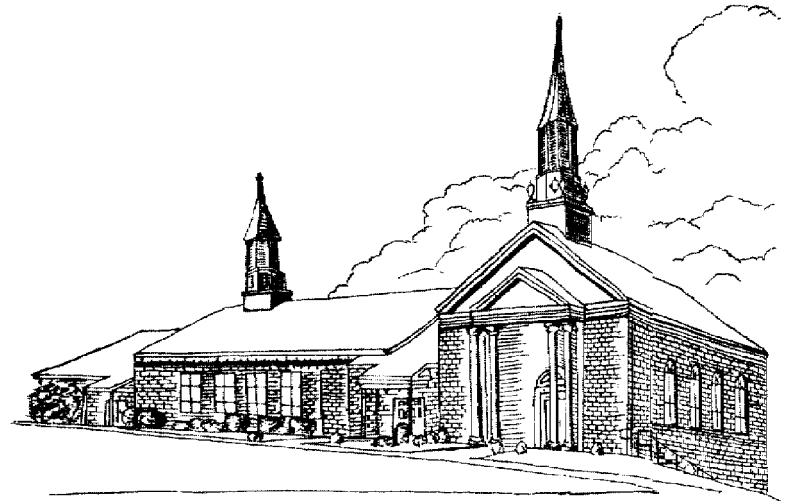
The Women of Olivet will host our annual *Christmas dinner* on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. It will be “potluck” style. Please sign up in the vestibule to attend. You will have the opportunity to share your best “dad” jokes with the crowd (bonus points for a Christmas theme!). We hope to see everyone there for a wonderful night of fellowship.

Once again, this Christmas Olivet is supporting *New Directions*, the shelter for abused women and children. You may decorate our giving tree with gift cards from businesses such as Wal Mart, Target, Dollar Tree, etc. in denominations of \$20-\$25. Please have cards placed on the tree by Sunday, December 15, 2024.

The *choir* will present a program of praise and music during our worship service on December 22, 2024.

There will be an informal *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The CIC will prepare and serve a *dinner for the mission* on Saturday, December 28, 2024 from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please come to an organizational meeting today immediately after the morning service in the social hall.



*"The little church with a big heart"*

## Olivet Presbyterian Church

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