

## DECEMBER 8, 2024

### PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”*

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No.158

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

**Cathy and Troy Fitzhugh**

+ **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: *“O Come to Us Emmanuel”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 4:2-6

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Open My Eyes That I May See”*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 166

*“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 3:1-18

**SERMON: “Are You Ready?” Lee Thomas**

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 275

*“Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound”*

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *“Alleluia”*

+ POSTLUDE

**+ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND**

## THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY:

10:00 A.M. Morning worship service  
Attendance last Sunday: 76  
11:00 A.M. Sunday School  
2:00 P.M. Christmas caroling  
6:00 P.M. Christmas dinner

### TUESDAY:

11:00 A.M. Bible Study  
6:00 P.M. Circle 4 will meet at the church

### THURSDAY:

6:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal

Our prayer family this week is Mary Helen and Jeremy Thorne, Caroline and Thomas.

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 today at the church at 2:00 p.m. to go Christmas Caroling. The congregation is invited to join them.

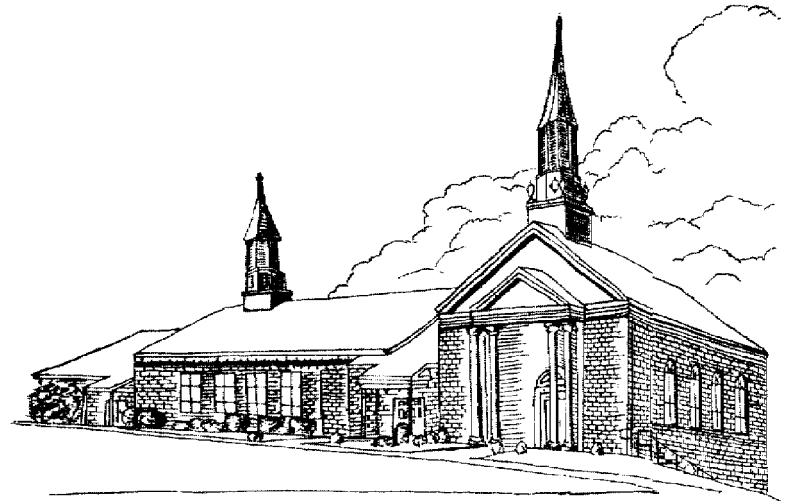
The Women of Olivet will host a Christmas dinner today at 6:00 p.m. It will be “potluck” style. Please sign up in the vestibule if you plan to attend. You will have the opportunity to share your best “dad” jokes with the crowd (bonus points for a Christmas theme!). We hope to see everyone there for a 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 see Sherry Herr.



*"The little church with a big heart"*

## Olivet Presbyterian Church

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