

DECEMBER 15, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Christmas Is Coming”*

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No.163

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Vickey Wood

+ **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

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 7:14-15

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE:

“3 Fold Amen”

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 160

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 1:39-56

SERMON: “Real Joy” Lee Thomas

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 156

“The First Noel”

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *“Alleluia”*

+ POSTLUDE

+ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

10:00 A.M. Morning worship service
Attendance last Sunday: 73
11:00 A.M. Sunday School
12 Noon Session meeting

TUESDAY:

11:00 A.M. Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 P.M. Circle 6 will meet at the DePot Grill

THURSDAY:

6:00 P.M. Choir rehearsal

Our *prayer family* this week is Carolyn Via and family.

We extend our sincere *sympathy* to Carolyn Via, Todd and Tori Via and their children, and Summer and Nathan Sheets and their children on the death of Ronnie on December 12, 2024.

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.

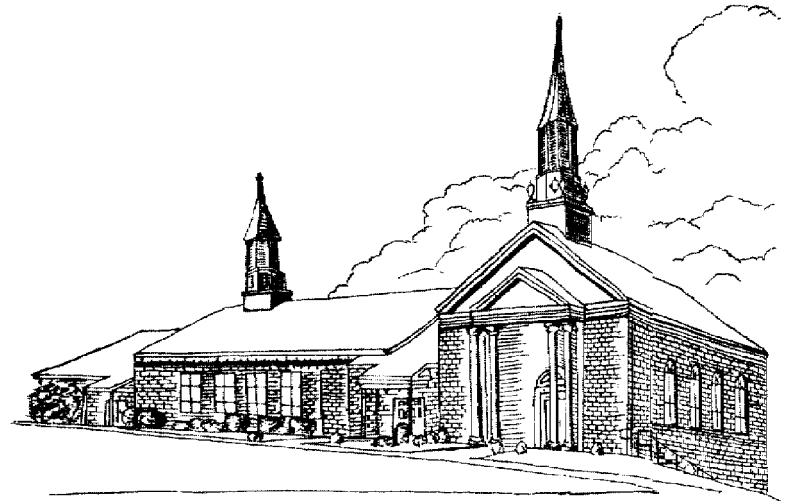
Once again, this Christmas Olivet is supporting *New Directions*, the shelter for abused women and children. You may decorate our giving tree with gift cards from businesses such as Wal Mart, Target, Dollar Tree, etc. in denominations of \$20-\$25. Please have cards placed on the tree by today.

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.

POINSETTIAS GIVEN BY: Kim and Scott Weller in memory of their loved ones; Nancy and Randy Leach in memory of Amandabelle and Bill Leach and Doris Wimer; Teresa Whitesell in loving memory of Nancy and Tom Whitesell from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Anne and Dickie Bell in honor of their children and grandchildren and in memory of their parents.



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