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The Lord's Day, December 19, 2021

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and visitors who join us for this morning's service of worship. Thank you for coming. May God richly bless you as you worship Him with us.

Order of Service

Prelude	Mr. Chris McCartney
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Chip McArthur
Preparation for Worship	

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

(Galatians 4:4, ESV)

*Call to Worship

And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.

(Matthew 2:9-11, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 218	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	Congregation
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Scripture Meditation

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
"Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,
"As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

(Psalm 2, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Hymn 211	<i>God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i>	Congregation
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Children's Message

Children, ages 3 to 5, dismissed to Children's Church

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-9

Sermon	"The Light of the World"	Pastor McArthur
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*Hymn 203	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	Congregation
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*Benediction

*Offering of Praise	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Congregation
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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen.

*Postlude

Today at Olivet

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study). Join us!
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
Congregational Meeting (see note below)

6:00 pm Christmas Pageant. Please join us this evening for this annual tradition. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the program. Please bring finger foods, etc. to share.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregation Meeting for this morning following the Worship Service, for the purpose of presenting the 2021 Church Budget and voting on proposed changes to the pastor's calls (compensation packages).

Christmas Pageant Tonight

Join us this evening at 6 pm for Olivet's annual Christmas Pageant. This evening's program features Olivet's children's group and will include Christmas hymns and carols. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow -- bring "finger foods" to share. Don't miss it!

Christmas Gift Offering

During the program this evening, a special offering will be taken for *PCA Ministerial Relief*, a ministry of encouragement and financial assistance for needy retired and active PCA pastors and their families. See insert for more details of this important ministry.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Revival Prayer Meeting at the McArthurs, 7 pm (please notice the location change)
(Please notice: No Youth Group Meeting this week)

Friday Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

January 2 Communion Service, 10 am
January 22 Fellowship Presbytery meets at Westminster PCA in Rock Hill, 9 am.

Greeters

December David and Sandra Currence
January Jimmy & Ann Hawley

Collection Duty

December Larry Plyler, Jamie Clinton
January Don Johnson, Malcolm Harshaw

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 209,281.94
Receipts to date	\$ 211,461.22

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 16,921.00

Nursery Team

Today (12/19)	Laws, Gracie Horton
Next Sunday (12/26)	Jane Harshaw, Carlisle

Children's Church Team

Today (12/19)	Laws, Peggy Covington, Roy Clinton (Alternate*)
Next Sunday (12/26)	Brian Carlisle, Toni Clinton, Megan Covington (Alternate*)

*Alternates serve only as needed.

Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for the new year are now available in the vestibule. Please pick up yours today.

Devotional Helps

Copies of the latest editions of *Tabletalk Magazine* and *Our Daily Bread* are available for your taking in the vestibule. There you'll also find copies of the latest edition of the PCA's *ByFaith* magazine. Please help yourself to these free resources to help you grow in grace.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Logan Horton who were married last Saturday here at Olivet. Mrs. Horton is the former Miss Gracie Arnold.

We're Invited

If you are not done celebrating on Christmas Day, you are welcome to join us from 6-8 PM, bring something to share. Merry Christmas! The Carlises.