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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)

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Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global*)

Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Brian Howard (*RUF1-Clemson Univ.*)

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Ministry Committees, 2021

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2021

Class of 2022

Class of 2023

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Class of 2023

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The Lord's Day, September 12, 2021

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

(Psalm 99:1-3, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 100 *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor John Franklin

The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven;
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

The LORD tests the righteous,
but his soul hates the wicked
and the one who loves violence.

For the LORD is righteous;
he loves righteous deeds;
the upright shall behold his face.

(Psalm 11:4-5, 7, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin Congregation

Assurance of Pardon

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

(1 John 2:1-2, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation* Congregation

Children's Message Pastor Franklin

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

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:9-14

Sermon "A Prayer for the Church" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 87 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)* Congregation

*Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:20-21, ESV)

*Offering of Praise *The Gloria Patri* Congregation

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

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.

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
12:00 pm Memorial Service for Teresa Krueger
6:00 pm Family Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Circle #2 Meets in the Conference Room, 7 am.
Wednesday	Youth Group, 6 pm. Revival Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room, 7 pm.
Thursday	Small Group Bible Study- Hosted by Brian and Scharlie Carlisle, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

September 23	Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Trinity PCA, Van Wyck
October 3	Homecoming with guest preacher, Rev. Erik Smith
October 16	2021 WIC Fall Gathering at Westminster PCA. The guest speaker is Karen Hodge who serves as the Coordinator for the PCA's CDM Women's Ministry
November 19-21	Fall Youth Retreat at Ridgehaven

Greeters

September	Malcolm and Susan Harshaw
October	Jimmy and Ann Hawley

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 153,758.16
Receipts to date	\$ 159,663.42

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 8,086

Operation Christmas Child

Olivet will once again be participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Contributions of items for the shoeboxes may be placed in the Ladies' Sunday School room. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

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.

FYI

Please note that Pastor Chip will be taking a week of vacation starting tomorrow.

Deacon Nominations

Nominations from the congregation for the biblical office of deacon are open through the month of September. Nomination forms are available in the vestibule.

The PCA's *Book of Church Order* defines the biblical office of deacon as follows:

9-1. The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.

9-2. It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation. In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

9-3. To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.

The congregation is urged prayerfully to consider the qualifications for the office of deacon as defined here and especially in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 before submitting nominations.