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Ministry Committees, 2021

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Class of 2021

Class of 2022

Class of 2023

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Class of 2023

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The Lord's Day, October 17, 2021

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

(Hebrews 12:28-29, ESV)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Franklin

Preparation for Worship

*Call to Worship

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

(Psalm 63:1-4, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Matthew 6:9-13, KJV)

*Hymn 642

Be Thou My Vision

Congregation

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1

Congregation

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Scripture Meditation

Pastor Chip McArthur

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

(1 John 4:16-20, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

(John 3:16-17, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Hymn 691

It Is Well with My Soul

Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:8-15

Sermon

"How People Change"

Pastor John Franklin

*Hymn 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Congregation

*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26, 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 Worship Service
Please Note – The Discipleship Committee will meet following worship.
6:00 pm Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing party – followed by our Sunday night special. Join us as we pack shoeboxes and then enjoy a church family meal together.

This Week at Olivet

- Wednesday Youth Group, 6 pm
Revival Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary, 7 pm
Thursday Small Group Bible Study- Hosted by Brian and Scharlie Carlisle, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

- October 23 *Courageous Shepherding* Mini Conference with Dr. Tim Witmer at Filbert PCA, 9 am to 12:30 pm. See Pastors Chip or John for details.
November 14 The WIC will host a bridal shower for Gracie Arnold on Sunday, November 14 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Gracie is registered at Target and Wal-Mart.
November 19-21 Fall Youth Retreat at Ridgehaven – Sign up deadline is **October 31st**

Greeters

- October Jimmy and Ann Hawley
November Malcolm and Susan Harshaw

Church Budget Matters

- Budget requirements to date \$ 175,113.46
Receipts to date \$ 184,099.33

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

- 2021 Faith Promise pledged to date: \$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 10,146.00

Nursery Team

- Today (10/17) Jane Hawley, Carlisle
Next Sunday (10/24) Donna McArthur, Frankie Guempel

Children's Church Team

- Today (10/17) Brian Carlisle, Toni Clinton, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (10/24) Brenda Nance, Ina Johnson, Marsha Plyler

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.