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The Lord's Day, August 29, 2021

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

May you be strengthened, with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

(Colossians 1:11-12, ESV)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 116:1-2,17,19, 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 55

To God Be the Glory.

Congregation

Sacrament of Baptism

Stella Elizabeth Montgomery

Scripture Meditation

Pastor John Franklin

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

(Psalm 51:5, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Congregation

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proven that we are guilty in your sight. Our prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts. Our praise has often been praiseless in its sound: our best works are filthy rags. Holy God, We acknowledge and confess, that we are guilty before you. In our own works we are unworthy of your smallest kindnesses and most worthy of your fiercest wrath and heaviest judgments. Forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all of unrighteousness we pray.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision, (*The Broken Heart* 150), & The Directory for Publick Worship, (*Of Publick Prayer before the Sermon*)

Assurance of Pardon

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

(Titus 2:11-13, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

Special Music That Man is Blest Who, Fearing God (Hymn 558) Choir

Children's Message Pastor Franklin
Children, ages 3 to 5, dismissed to Children's Church

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Sermon "The Leadership of the Church" (Part 5) Pastor Franklin

*Hymn 649 More Love to Thee, O Christ 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 735 *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
6:00 pm	Missions Trip Report at Zion PCA, 6:00 pm. Please bring a refreshments to share.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group, 6 pm. Revival Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room, 7 pm.
Thursday	Small Group Bible Study, 6:30-8:30 pm. Hosted at the home of Brian and Scharlie Carlisle. See insert for more details

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

September 5	Session Meeting, 5:00 pm
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

August	Roy & Matt Clinton
September	Malcolm and Susan Harshaw

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 145,216.04
Receipts to date	\$ 150,031.73

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$7,116.00

Small Group Opportunity

Brian and Scharlie Carlisle will be hosting a weekly home Bible study starting in September, on Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm. The plan is to study the parables from the Gospel of Luke. All are invited.

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.

Deacon Nominations

The Session has announced that during the month of September it will be accepting nominations from the congregation for the biblical office of Deacon. Nomination forms will be made available at that time. It is anticipated that after the September nomination period, and after time for training and examination the deacon nominees, a congregational meeting to elect new deacons will be held, and with ordination and installation of those elected later this year.

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.