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##### **The Session**

Christopher W. Arnold Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus* David R. Currence, *Emeritus*

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##### **The Diaconate**

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins* Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds* James R. Clinton Lee K. Guempel, *Safety Team* Malcolm Harshaw, *Treasurer* John F. Hawley, *Chairman* Don L. Johnson David W. Kelley Michael A. Laws, *Secretary* Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus* S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., *Emeritus*

##### **The Women in the Church**

Sandra Currence, *President* Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children’s Church* Susan Petty, *Secretary* Jane Harshaw, *Historian* Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer*/*Pastor's Aide*  Donna McArthur, *Missions* Frankie Guempel, *Chair-Circle 2*

##### **Our Missionaries**

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW*-Japan) Brian Howard (*RUFI*-Clemson Univ.)

Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW*-Caribbean) Marty and Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*) Michael and Tricia Lee (*MTW*-Panama) Debbie Richards (*MTW*-Japan)

##### **Ministry Committees, 2022**

# *Discipleship Ministries Committee*

Daniel Harshaw (2022), *Chairman* Megan Covington (2022)

Bryce Laws (2022) Brenda Nance (2023)

Chris Arnold (2024) Jill Christenberry (2024)

# *Missions Committee*

Rick Summerville (2022), *Chairman* Dennis Krueger (2022)

Donna McArthur (2022) Susan Petty (2023)

Bobby Mendenhall (2024) Brian Carlisle (2024)

# *Witness Committee*

Jason Petty, Chairman (2022) David Currence (2022)

Brent Christenberry (2022) Laura Frame (2023)

Michael Nance (2024) Katie Summerville (2024)

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#### A member congregation of

*The Presbyterian Church in America*

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Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Austin Simpson

\*Call to Worship

Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

(Selected verses)

\*Corporate Prayer of Adoration Unison Reading

**Glory be to You, O Father Almighty, who has given us Your only begotten Son, that we might live through Him.**

**Glory be to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, who became man that we might become the sons of God.**

**Glory be to You, O Holy Spirit, who rules and sanctifies our hearts.**

**All Glory be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.**

\*Hymn 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor McArthur

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

…And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

(John 3:16, 19, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

**O most merciful and gracious Heavenly Father, in your great love you have given us the precious gift of your Son, yet we must acknowledge how prone we are to evil, and how slothful in doing good. You alone know how often we sin against you, how readily we wander you’re your ways, wasting your gifts, forgetting your love. Have mercy on us O Lord and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son our Savior. Send your Spirit afresh. Sanctify and inflame our hearts with love for You, and for one another, and cause us to live always in Your light, and walk in humility and grateful obedience. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 211 *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* Congregation

Children’s Message Mr. Simpson

(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children’s Church Program)

Scripture Reading Psalm 98

Sermon “Singing the New Song” Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 195 *Joy to the World* Congregation

\*Benediction

\*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

\*Those that are able, please stand.

*This Week at Olivet*

Wednesday night Youth Group and Prayer Meetings

will resume next Wednesday, January 4, 2022

*Looking Ahead*

 **Next Sunday New Year’s Day – Morning Worship, 10 am**

 January 8 Communion Service, 10 am

*Collection Duty*

December John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

January Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

*Nursery Team*

 Today (12/25) Gwen Carlisle, Megan Covington

 Next Sunday (1/1) Sandra Currence, Addisyn Sikes

*Children’s Church Team*

 Today (12/25) Scharlie Carlisle (T), Jill Christenberry

Next Sunday (1/1) Susan Petty (T), Richard Sikes

*Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to date (Adjusted) $ 209, 838,99

Receipts to date $ 222,725.44

*Faith Promise for World Missions*

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022: $ 21,778.00

2022 Faith Promise received to date: $ 17,166.00

*Offering Envelopes*

 Be sure to pick up and use your 2023 Offering Envelopes which are now available in the vestibule. If you don’t find your name among the boxes, please let Malcolm know so he can get you one.

*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.

*A Word of Thanks*

 The McArthurs and the Simpsons express their sincere gratitude to the *WIC* and the Olivet congregation for the Christmas checks and many other gifts and expressions of kindness received during the Christmas season.