

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold

Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*

Robert B. Mendenhall

Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*

Daniel H. Harshaw, *Clerk*

John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*

William Lee Summerville, Jr.

David R. Currence, *Emeritus*

James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*

Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*

James R. Clinton

John F. Hawley, *Chairman*

Lee K. Guempel, *Safety*

Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*

Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds, Treasurer*

Malcolm Harshaw

Don L. Johnson

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*

Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*

Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*

Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*

Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*

Susan Petty, *Secretary*

Lorie Hawley, *Missions*

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan)

Garry and Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)

Roger and Laura Dye (Family Life – U.S. Latino)

Brian Howard (RUFJ-Clemson Univ.)

Sara Driggers (Wycliffe)

Ministry Committees, 2025

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Rick Summerville, *Chairman* (2026)

Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Lee Summerville (2029)

Donna McArthur (2025)

Susan Petty (2026)

Megan Covington (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2026)

Lorie Hawley (2025)

Chris Arnold (2029)

Thomas Hardison (2025)

Dennis Krueger (2026)

Bryce Laws (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, *Chairman* (2028)

Barbara Lawson (2026)

Bobby Mendenhall (2029)

Marsha Plyler (2025)

Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Gwen Carlisle (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

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The Lord's Day, November 16, 2025

Morning Worship Service

Prelude	Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements	
*Call to Worship	Pastor Austin Simpson

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

(Psalm 96:1-6, ESV)

*Hymn 115	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	Congregation
*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn 164	<i>O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	Congregation
Scripture Meditation	Pastor Chip McArthur	

Old Testament Reading

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

(Psalm 119:9-16, ESV)

New Testament Reading

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks

always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

(Ephesians 5:15-21, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer		
His Tithes & Our Offerings		
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Children's Message		Pastor Simpson
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)		
Hymn 498	<i>Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners</i>	Congregation
Scripture Reading		Isaiah 44:1-5
Sermon	"The Promised Spirit"	Pastor McArthur
*Hymn 529	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	All
*Benediction		
*Offering of Praise 735	The Gloria Patri	Congregation
*Postlude		

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today's Schedule

8:50 am	Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	McConnells Municipal Elections Runoff (at Olivet)
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Friday-Sunday	<i>Fall Youth Retreat</i> at Ridge Haven

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday	<i>Congregational Meeting</i> , 11:30 am (See note on insert) <i>Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service</i> with McConnells First Baptist followed by time of food and fellowship, 6 pm - At Olivet
November 30	New Officer ordination/installation – during the Morning Worship Service

December 9	Ladies' Evening Circle, 7 pm
December 14	Christmas Pageant, 6 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

Next Sunday: Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 23, following the morning Worship Service for electing additional church officers. The Session has examined and approved Brian Carlisle and Lee Guempel for election to the office of Ruling Elder, and Pete Lawson and Richard Sikes to the office of Deacon.

Annual Christmas Pageant

Plans are being made for Olivet’s annual Christmas Pageant, scheduled for Sunday evening, December 14 at 6 pm. Ina Ruth Johnson is directing this year and looking for children ages 2-12 to participate. Please call or text Ina Ruth at 803-487-3770 to let her know if your children want to participate.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
2025 Faith Promise <i>Received to date</i>	\$ 9,330.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 202,560.31
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 202,943.84
Difference	-\$ 383.53

Collection Duty

November	Malcolm Harshaw, Brian Carlisle
December	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Nursery Team

Today	Donna McArthur, Megan Covington
Next Sunday	Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws

Children’s Church Team

Today	Brenda Nance, Roy Clinton
Next Sunday	Amanda Lenker, Jane Harshaw

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.