

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold
David R. Currence, *Emeritus*
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Robert B. Mendenhall
William Lee Summerville, Jr.

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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty
Richard B. Summerville, *Emeritus*

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*
Lee K. Guempel
John M. McArthur, *Moderator*

The Diaconate

James R. Clinton
Don L. Johnson
Richard B. Sikes

Malcolm H. Harshaw
Peter G. Lawson
Larry B. Plyler, *Emeritus*
Brent R. Christenberry, *Treasurer, Building and Grounds*

John F. Hawley, *Chairman*
Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*
Susan Petty, *Secretary*

Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
Lorie Hawley, *Missions*
Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*

Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)
Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean Region*)
Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life – U.S. Latino*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson University*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

Ministry Committees, 2026

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Lee Summerville, *Chairman* (2026)
Megan Covington (2027)
Lee Guempel (2028)

Susan Petty (2026)
Pete Lawson (2028)
Lorie Hawley (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2026)
Bryce Laws (2027)
Chris Arnold (2028)

Dennis Krueger (2026)
Abby Sikes (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, *Chairman* (2026)
Gwen Carlisle (2027)
Bobby Mendenhall (2028)

Barbara Lawson (2026)
Michael Laws (2027)
Jimmy Hawley (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)



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The Lord's Day, February 22, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Austin Simpson

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

(Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 295 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

(Mark 2:15-17, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

The Collection His Tithes & Our Offerings

... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap
bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided
in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-7, ESV)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Sermon Pastor Simpson

*Hymn 92 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Congregation

*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Congregation

*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
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
Missions Committee Meets (following Morning Worship)
4:30 pm Communicants Class
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Children's Groups and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Thursday *Women in the Church* Meeting, 7:00 PM, at Sandra Currence's

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

March 10	Ladies' Evening Circle Meets, 7 pm (Conference Room)
March 15	Missions Conference with Garry Chambers, Guest Preacher
March 28	Marriage Conference at Filbert (See note)
March 29	Fifth Sunday Joint Worship at Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill
April 5	Easter Sunday

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>	\$ 14,985.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 28,586.45
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 32,311.49
Difference	- \$ 3,725.04

Collection Duty

February	Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton
March	Malcolm Harshaw, Johnny Hawley

Nursery Team

Today (2/22)	Bryce Laws, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (3/1)	Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes

Children's Church Team

Today (2/22)	Amanda Lenker, Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (3/1)	Barb Lawson, Rick Summerville

Devotional Guides

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

We're Invited – Filbert Marriage Conference

Filbert Presbyterian Church invites us to participate in their “Gospel-Shaped Marriage” conference planned for Saturday March 28, 2026, from 9am to 1pm. Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn will be the main speaker, with his wife (and co-author) Emily joining him for Q&A following the plenary sessions. Lunch will be provided at the end of the conference, and nursery will be provided. The cost is \$15/individual and \$25/couple. Register online on Filbert's website (<https://www.filbertpca.org>).

Missions Prayer Requests For February

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:15)

Garry & Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)-Garry and Anita will be joining us for our missions conference in March. Please pray for their work in the Caribbean and for their safety in their travel. Please plan to attend the missions conference on March 15.

Roger & Laura Dye (Family Life-U.S. Latino)-Roger and Laura ask us to pray for families. They remind us that “The heightened attack on marriages and families is much more than an accumulation of individual crises; it is a key strategy in the enemy's attempt to destroy the Church.” Churches cannot grow without spiritually qualified men and women to serve as leaders.

Brian Howard (RUF-I.Clemson)-Pray for Brian and his team as they minister. Clemson has over 1400 international students from 100 countries. Pray that The Lord will supply ability, wisdom, and funds to share the gospel with this diverse student body.

The PCA's *Mission to the World (MTW)* asks us to pray for upcoming missions conferences in U.S. churches, that church members would catch a vision for global missions and that visiting missionaries would feel supported and cared for.

Please remember to pray for all of our missionaries and to continue our financial support through giving.

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