

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, Assistant Pastor
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Robert B. Mendenhall, Sunday School Superintendent

The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Brian J. Carlisle	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>
David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>	Jeffery E. Fairfax, <i>Emeritus</i>	Lee K. Guempel
Daniel H. Harshaw, <i>Clerk</i>	James M. Hawley, <i>Emeritus</i>	John M. McArthur, <i>Moderator</i>
Robert B. Mendenhall	Jason M. Petty	Richard B. Summerville, <i>Emeritus</i>
William Lee Summerville, Jr.		

The Diaconate

James R. Clinton	Malcolm H. Harshaw	John F. Hawley, <i>Chairman</i>
Don L. Johnson	Peter G. Lawson	Michael A. Laws, <i>Secretary</i>
Richard B. Sikes	Larry B. Plyler, <i>Emeritus</i>	
Brent R. Christenberry, <i>Treasurer, Building and Grounds</i>		

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</i>
Marsha Plyler, <i>Treasurer/Pastor's Aide</i>	Lorie Hawley, <i>Missions</i>
Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>	Ina Ruth Johnson, <i>Historian</i>
	Frankie Guempel, <i>Circle Chair</i>

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	Brian Howard (<i>RUF1-Clemson University</i>)
Garry and Anita Chambers (<i>MTW-Caribbean Region</i>)	Sara Driggers (<i>Wycliffe</i>)
Roger and Laura Dye (<i>Family Life – U.S. Latino</i>)	

Ministry Committees, 2026

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Lee Summerville, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Susan Petty (2026)
Megan Covington (2027)	Pete Lawson (2028)
Lee Guempel (2028)	Lorie Hawley (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Dennis Krueger (2026)
Bryce Laws (2027)	Scharlie Carlisle (2027)
Chris Arnold (2028)	Abby Sikes (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Barbara Lawson (2026)
Gwen Carlisle (2027)	Michael Laws (2027)
Bobby Mendenhall (2028)	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 8, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Austin Simpson

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation
for him.
The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the
nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

(Psalm 98:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 16 *Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord (Psalm 98)* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 44 *How Great Thou Art* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its
taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no
longer good for anything except to be thrown out
and trampled under people's feet.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill
cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and
put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives
light to all in the house. In the same way, let your
light shine before others, so that they may see your
good works and give glory to your Father who is in
heaven.

(From *The Sermon on the Mount*, Matthew 5:13-16, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

The Collection His Tithes & Our Offerings

Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

(Proverbs 3:9-10, ESV)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 170 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53:1-6

Sermon "The Suffering Servant" (Part 2) Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 499 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* 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
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups and Adult Bible Study (Islam Study)

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Ladies' Evening Circle Meets, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
	Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday	<i>Missions Committee</i> Meets following Morning Worship <i>Sunday Night Supper</i> . Will be serving tacos. Meat and lettuce provided as well as a mixed fruit for dessert. Please bring the shells of your choice and your favorite taco toppings.
February 17	Ladies' Day Circle Meets, 1 pm (Conference Room)
March 15	Missions Conference with Garry Chambers, Guest Preacher
March 29	Fifth Sunday Joint Worship at Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill

Attention Parents

If you have a child who you think is ready to make a public profession of faith and
become a communing member of the church, please speak to Pastor Chip. He is hoping
to start a Communicants Class in the next few weeks.

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>	\$ 12,380.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 12,072.00
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 13,847.78
Difference	- \$ 1,775.78

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (2/8)	Gracie Horton, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (2/15)	Abbey Sikes, Gwen Carlisle

Children's Church Team

Today (2/8)	Brenda Nance, Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (2/15)	Scharlie Carlisle, Addison Sikes

Devotional Guides

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

Offering Envelopes

If you haven't yet picked up your weekly offering envelopes for 2026, please do so today. They are available in the vestibule. If you don't find one with your name, please see our Church Treasurer Brent Christenberry.

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,[i] 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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