

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*

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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)



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, November 30, 2025

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Chip McArthur

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

(Isaiah 40:3-5, ESV)

*Hymn 196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Yet Mighty Gates* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts
no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:1-5, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker
of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling
place is with the broken and contrite, to confess
that we have sinned in thought and word and
deed; we have not loved you with all our heart
and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind
and strength; we have not even loved our
neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from
selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of
praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the
wrong we have done and for the good we have
left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a
holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in
sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In
your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so
that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

From The Valley of Vision

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 75 *O Father, You Are Sovereign* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 44:24-45:8

Sermon "Sovereign God" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 87 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* 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
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Thursday	Called Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery, 7 pm at Christ Ridge PCA in Fort Mill

Next Sunday (12/7) Barb Lawson, Richard Sikes

Devotional Guides

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

December 7	Missions Committee Meeting (following Morning Worship) Christmas Pageant Practice, 6 pm
December 9	Ladies' Evening Circle, 7 pm
December 13	Men's Breakfast, 8 am (Fellowship Hall)
December 14	New Officer Ordination and Installation – during the Morning Worship Service Christmas Pageant, 6 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

Congregational Meeting This Morning

The Session has also called a Congregational Meeting for this morning, November 30, immediately following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2026 Budget and to vote on a proposed change to the Pastor's call (compensation package).

Annual Christmas Pageant

Olivet's annual Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 14 at 6 pm. Pageant for the practice is planned to begin Sunday, December 14. Children ages 2-12 are invited to participate. Ina Ruth Johnson is director.

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>	\$ 9,400.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 209,239.31
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 211,963.56
Difference	-\$ 3,781.62

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (11/30)	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (12/7)	Addison Sikes, Laura Frame

Children's Church Team

Today (11/30)	Scharlie Carlisle, Rick Summerville
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