

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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

Brian J. Carlisle
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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 (*RUF1-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, March 1, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Chip McArthur

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100, ESV)

*Hymn 1 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)* Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism Genevieve Noel Hardison
Infant daughter of Thomas and Joy Hardison

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

(Matthew 5:21-26, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

The Collection

His Tithes & Our Offerings

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

(Matthew 6:19-20, ESV)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 699 *Like a River Glorious* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 54:1-10

Sermon *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 32 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* 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
Witness Committee Meets (following Morning Worship)
4:00 pm Session Meeting
5:00 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)

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 (See note)
March 28 Marriage Conference at Filbert (See note)
March 29 Fifth Sunday Joint Worship at Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill
April 5 Easter Sunday

World Missions Conference

Olivet's annual *World Missions Conference* is just two weeks away on March 15. MTW missionary Garry Chambers will be our guest preacher. Also planning to join us will be Garry's wife Anita, Sarah Driggers with *Wycliffe Bible Translators*, and Roger and Laura Dye with *Family Life*. We hope you'll make your plans to participate. Here's the schedule for the day:

9:00am	Sunday School (Children with Anita Chambers, Teens & adults with Garry Chambers)
10:00am	Morning Worship with Sara Driggers reporting and Garry Chambers preaching.
11:45am	Fellowship Luncheon (Lunch will be provided)
6:00pm	Evening Worship with Reports from the Dyes, Chambers, and Bakelaars (video), Garry Chambers preaching)

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>	\$ 15,285.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 31,767.45
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 36,927.41
Difference	- \$ 5,159.96

Collection Duty

March	Malcolm Harshaw, Johnny Hawley
April	Michael Laws, Richard Sikes

Nursery Team

Today (3/1)	Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes
Next Sunday (3/8)	Donna McArthur, Nora Kaye Summerville

Children's Church Team

Today (3/1)	Barb Lawson, Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (3/8)	Michael Laws, Jane Harshaw

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 March

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. Jeremiah 29:2

Garry & Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)

Please pray for the people of Cuba. Their situation is difficult with the recent developments in Venezuela. There is a shortage of food, medicine, and power outages. MTW has been able to assist the pastors and churches and help with limited gifts of relief food which the churches share with their communities. Ask God to use this hospitality ministry to bring many to faith and that they will be integrated into local churches.

Roger & Laura Dye (Family Life-U.S. Latino)

The Dyes ask us to pray for their:

1. *Skill*: That we would have wisdom for the detailed tasks of writing, translation and production.
2. *Foundation*: That the new resources for US Latinos would land on fertile soil.
3. *Support*: That our needs would be met so we can serve without distraction
4. *Walk*: That we would joyfully abide in Christ daily, even amidst deadlines.

Brian Howard (RUF-I Clemson)

Pray for the challenges RUF-I faces. 48% of Gen Z have no religious affiliation. More than half of that group leave religion behind around age 18. Only 4% of college students are reached by a campus ministry. Those who are involved during their college years are 3x more likely to stay in the Church after college. RUF is positioned to meet this extraordinary opportunity.

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

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan)

Sara Driggers (Wycliffe)