

# 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  
Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*  
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, February 15, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Pastor Chip McArthur

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

(Psalm 95:1-5, ESV)

\*Hymn 305 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Congregation

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

(From *The Sermon on the Mount*, Matthew 5:17-20, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

The Collection His Tithes & Our Offerings

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

(Malachi 3:10, ESV)

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 87 *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Psalm 23) Congregation

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53:7-12

Sermon "The Suffering Servant" (Part 3) Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 308 *Jesus Paid It All* 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)  
5:00 pm Choir Practice  
6:00 pm Children's Groups and Adult Bible Study (Islam Study)  
***Sunday Night Supper* after Bible Study and Children's groups. 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.**

## This Week at Olivet

Tuesday Ladies' Day Circle Meets, 1 pm (Conference Room)  
Called Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery, 6:30 pm at Redeeming Grace PCA, Lake Wylie  
Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

## Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

**Next Sunday Communion Service, 10 am**  
February 26 *Women in the Church* Meeting, 7:00 PM, at Sandra Currence's  
March 10 Ladies' Evening Circle Meets, 1 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

### *Attention Parents-Last Call*

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>	\$ 14,280.00

### *Church Budget Matters*

Receipts year to date	\$ 22,901.45
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 27,695.56
Difference	- \$ 4,794.11

### *Collection Duty*

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

### *Nursery Team*

Today (2/15)	Abbey Sikes, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (2/22)	Bryce Laws, Laura Frame

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (2/15)	Scharlie Carlisle, Addison Sikes
Next Sunday (2/22)	Amanda Lenker, Roy Clinton

### *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,[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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