

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold
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Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*
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John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*
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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*
James R. Clinton
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*
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Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds*
David W. Kelley
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The Women in the Church

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Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*
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Lorie Rohrer, *Missions*

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)
Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)
Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*)
Brian Howard (*RUF1-Clemson Univ.*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*
Jill Christenberry (2024)
Rick Summerville (2026)
Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*
Brian Carlisle (2024)
Jason Petty (2026)
Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
Dennis Krueger (2026)

Witness Committee

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Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)
Barbara Lawson (2028)
Marsha Plyler (2025)
Austin Simpson (2028)



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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		Pastor McArthur
*Hymn 646	<i>Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts</i>	Congregation
*Benediction		
*Offering of Praise 735	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	All
*Postlude		

*Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome:

We extend a warm Olivet welcome to all our friends, family, former members, and guests join us today for Homecoming today as we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to this congregation down through the years. Please be sure to register your presence at the tables set up for that purpose. And may God bless you as your worship with us today.

Our Guest Preacher

We welcome back to the Olivet pulpit our friend the **Rev. H. Wallace Tinsley, Jr.** Wallace was raised in a Christian home in Chester, SC. He is married to the former Ruth Robeson, also of Chester. They have four children, and fifteen grandchildren.

A graduate of Davidson College, Wallace received Master of Divinity (MDiv) and Master of Theology (ThM) degrees from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He was ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PCA with a pastoral call to Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville where he served first as an Assistant Pastor and then as an Associate Pastor. In 1981 Wallace accepted the call of Filbert PCA in York where he served as Pastor until 2022. Although now officially "retired," Wallace continues to be active serving Christ and his Church as a much-respected and valued Teaching Elder of Fellowship Presbytery and the PCA.

Today at Olivet

8:50 am	Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
	Inquirers' Class (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 am	Annual Meeting of Olivet Cemetery Association
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service
12:00 noon	Dinner on the Grounds
4:00 pm	Session Meeting

(Regular Sunday Evening Ministries will resume next Sunday, October 13)

This Week at Olivet:

Wednesday	Youth Group Meets
	Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Thursday	Communicants' Class, 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

October 19	PresWIC – Annual Fall Gathering at Redeeming Grace PCA in Lake Wylie, 9 am to 1 pm. All ladies are invited. (See insert)
October 20	Shoebox Packing Party, 6 pm
October 27	Deacon's Meeting (Budget), 2 pm

Operation Christmas Child

This fall Olivet will once again be participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Contributions of items for the shoeboxes may be placed in the Ladies' Sunday School room.

Attention Moms

Moms are invited to join a weekly park moms' meet-up and picnic lunch on Fridays at 11 am at Lowrys Park. Carson Simpson and Dani Day are organizing it. Please see them for details.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024	\$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 7,967.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 165,907.59
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Budget requirements to Date \$ 176,261.28
Difference -\$ 10,353.69

Collection Duty

October Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton
November Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

Nursery Team

Today (10/6) Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (10/13) Nora Kaye Summerville, Jane Harshaw

Children's Church Team

Today (10/6) Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (10/13) Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are available today in the vestibule.

Missions Prayer Requests for October

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.... (1 Timothy 2:1)

Brian Howard RUF1 Clemson- Pray that God's Word would work to convert those who are not yet Christians and that Christian students would be strengthened in their faith. Pray for Brian's son who is going through a hard time, that he will be assured of God's nearness and rely on Him.

Pete and Diane Bakelaar Japan - Pray for the safe arrival and smooth transition of 2 volunteers who will be joining the Bakelaars. Pray that their time of service will be meaningful and fruitful.

Garry and Anita Chambers - Garry and Anita have a heavy travel schedule for October. Pray for their health and safety this month. Also, pray for a new missionary couple who has moved to Nassau and begun their ministry.

Sara Driggers Wycliffe-Sara is busy with several different training groups. Pray that she will be able to meet the variety of needs each group has. She also asks us to pray for Marty and Jade during her times of travel.

Continue to pray for our other missionaries, **Roger and Laura Dye, and Debbie Richards.**

MTW has ongoing projects that need prayer support. One of them is Libreaccesso, a church plant in Spain. Spain is the least evangelized Spanish-speaking country and only 1% of the population is evangelical.

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 18 – Of Assurance of Grace and Salvation

I. Although hypocrites, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favor of God and estate of salvation; which hope of theirs shall perish; yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God; which hope shall never make them ashamed.

II. This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion, grounded upon a fallible hope; but an infallible assurance of faith, founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation, the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God: which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.

III. This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties, before he be partaker of it: yet, being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God, he may, without extraordinary revelation, in the right use of ordinary means, attain there unto. And therefore it is the duty of everyone to give all diligence to make his calling and election sure; that thereby his heart may be enlarged in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of this assurance: so far is it from inclining men to looseness.

IV. True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it; by falling into some special sin, which wounds the conscience, and grieves the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation; by God's withdrawing the light of his countenance, and suffering even such as fear him to walk in darkness, and to have no light: yet are they never utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart and conscience

of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may in due time be revived, and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.

The Oath Carried Out

Sermon Outline

“Home Safe” (Genesis 15)

Rev. Wallace Tinsley

Introduction:

The Gospel of Grace, Unmerited Favor

I. Fear/No Fear (verses 1-3)

II. Justification (verses 4-6)

III. Covenant Oath (vv. 7-21)

Conclusion: