

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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## The Session

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John M. McArthur, *Moderator*

## The Diaconate

James R. Clinton  
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Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

Brent R. Christenberry, *Treasurer, Building and Grounds*

## 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, April 12, 2026

## Prelude

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

(Psalm 57:11, ESV)

## Preparation for Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

**I** will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

(Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

### \*Hymn 6

*O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*

All

### \*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

### \*Hymn 100

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

All

## Scripture Mediation

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6:1-11, ESV)

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Collection

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

(2 Corinthians 8:9, ESV)

### \*Doxology

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Hymn 87

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

All

### Children's Message

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

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 57:14-21

### Sermon

"Humble and Holy"

Pastor McArthur

### \*Hymn 252

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

All

### \*Benediction

### \*Offering of Praise 735

*The Gloria Patri*

All

### \*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## Today's Schedule

8:50 am

Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)

9:00 am

Sunday School

10:00 am

Morning Worship Service

**5:00 pm**

**Communicants Class**

Choir Practice

6:00 pm

Children's Groups and Adult Bible Study

## This Week at Olivet

Tuesday

Ladies' Evening Circle, 7 pm

Wednesday

Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

*Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)*

<b>Next weekend</b>	<b>Meet and Greet Weekend with Pastoral Candidate Lucas Baumbach and his wife Elyse</b>
April 25	95 <sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery at Westminster PCA in Rock Hill, 9 am.
June 9	Election Day - SC Statewide Primaries. McConnells Precinct voting at Olivet
June 14-18	Vacation Bible School – please see note below
June 22-26	The 53 <sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the PCA, Louisville, KY.

*Something New!*

Sonbeams/Kingdom Kids is changing! Beginning April 26th a children's choir will be part of our children's ministry. Sunday night will still include a lesson, recreation, and snack and now we will also sing. (children ages 4-12). If you have questions see Kathy Fairfax or Lorie Hawley

*Vacation Bible School*

Please be praying for VBS 2026 which is scheduled for June 14-18. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

*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>	\$ 17,190.00
<i>New</i> 2026 Faith Promise <i>Pledged (through last Sunday)</i>	\$ 16,255.00

*Church Budget Matters*

Receipts year to date	\$ 58,882.70
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 64,622.97
Difference	- \$ 5,740.27

*Collection Duty*

April	Michael Laws, Richard Sikes
May	Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton

*Nursery Team*

Today (4/12)	Gracie Horton, Norah Kaye Summerville
Next Sunday (4/19)	Megan Covington, Carson Simpson

*Children's Church Team*

Today (4/12)	Barbara Lawson, Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (4/19)	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

*Missions Prayer Requests for April*

*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.*

Jeremiah 29: 12-13, ESV

**Gary and Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)** - Pray for upcoming travel to Nassau, Bahamas and Stanley, NC in preparation in ministering to MTW missionaries.

**Roger & Laura Dye (Family Life-U.S. Latino)** - Pray for the transition of leaders on our U.S. Latino team that will take place in May.

**Brian Howard (RUF1 Clemson)** - Pray for God's guidance for our Christian students. Pray for the International students who are affected by the war and our staff to be able to support them at this time.

**Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan)** - Pray for the Bakelaars who are losing their lease on their building that houses both their home and ministry. Pray for a good outcome as the landlord is also older and unreasonable.

**Sara Driggers (Wycliffe)** - Pray for the transition in Sara's department. Pray for daughter Tia who is suffering with peripheral neuropathy. Also pray for God's provision of a \$700/month short fall.