

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
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The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows & Shut-ins</i>	Lee K. Guempel, <i>Safety</i>	Malcolm Harshaw
James R. Clinton	Michael A. Laws, <i>Secretary</i>	Don L. Johnson
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
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Frankie Guempel, <i>Circle Chair</i>		

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	Brian Howard (<i>RUFJ-Clemson Univ.</i>)
Garry and Anita Chambers (<i>MTW-Caribbean</i>)	Sara Driggers (<i>Wycliffe</i>)
Roger and Laura Dye (<i>Family Life - U.S. Latino</i>)	

Ministry Committees, 2025

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Rick Summerville, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)	Susan Petty (2026)
Lee Summerville (2029)	Megan Covington (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)	Dennis Krueger (2026)
Chris Arnold (2029)	Bryce Laws (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, <i>Chairman</i> (2028)	Marsha Plyler (2025)
Barbara Lawson (2026)	Scharlie Carlisle (2025)
Bobby Mendenhall (2029)	Gwen Carlisle (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, July 6, 2025

Prelude Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

(Psalm 145:10–13a, ESV)

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

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 115 *All Creatures of Our God and King* All

The Law of God Pastor Chip McArthur

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is

honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(Romans 12:3–21, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

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)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12

Sermon "The Song of the Redeemed" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 469 *How Sweet and Awesome is the Place* Congregation

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

2025 Faith Promise *Received to date*

\$ 2,515.00

Today at Olivet

8:50 am	Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
7:00 pm	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Ladies' Circle, 1 pm (Conference Room) Game Night, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

Looking Ahead

August 19	Ladies' Circle Meets, 1 pm
October 5	Homecoming at Olivet

We're Invited

We are invited to join two of our sister congregations as they host **New Song**, an acapella choral group from *Geneva College* (the college of the *Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*) who will be singing a variety of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19). **New Song** will be at Zion PCA in Lowrys at 7 pm on Thursday, July 17, and at Trinity PCA in Chester at 7 pm on Friday, July 18th. A special offering will be collected each evening to help support the *New Song* ministry, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Game Night

Olivet's annual summer "Game Night" ministry continues this Tuesday evening with games, snacks, and a Bible lesson. Game Night is scheduled for 7 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings through the end of July.

Note

Pastor Chip will be taking a week of vacation beginning tomorrow.

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

July 6	Communion Service, 10 am
October 5	Homecoming

Faith Promise for World Missions

2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
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Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 113,960.20
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 117,256.44
Difference	- \$3,296.24

Collection Duty

July	Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson
August	Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

Nursery Team

Today (7/6)	Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes
Next Sunday (7/13)	Bryce Laws, Megan Covington

Children's Church Team

Today (7/6)	Lori Rohrer, Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (7/13)	Brenda Nance, Marsha Plyler

Missions Prayer Requests For July

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16, ESV)

Roger and Laura Dye - Pray for them as they are launching a US Latino website crucial for their work in the US. They are also working to get Spanish publications in the states. Join with them in praise for Abraham and Sylvia, a couple who will soon begin to work with Covenant PCA in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Peter and Diane Bakelaar-The Bakelaars were involved in a prayer gathering late in June to pray for Japanese church planters and missionaries. Continue to pray with them that these ministries will bear much fruit and that the message of the gospel will be kept the central focus in all of their outreaches.

Brian Howard-Thanks the Lord for a good closing to the semester at Clemson. Join your prayers with his for all of the students who were reached by the ministry of RUFU this school year. Pray that those who have been saved will continue to walk faithfully with the Lord over the summer.

Sara Driggers- Continue to pray for Sara who has taken on new responsibilities with Wycliffe.

Pray for traveling mercies and good time management. Also continue to pray for her family that each one would walk closely with the Lord.