

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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
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Malcolm H. Harshaw
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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 (*RUFJ-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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Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Austin Simpson

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(Revelation 1:4b–6, ESV)

*Hymn 277 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 276 *Up from the Grave He Arose* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:6–8, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have often not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. In His name we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13–14, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

The Collection His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Choral Offering *What Wondrous Love is This* Choir

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

Scripture Reading Revelation 1:12-18

Sermon "Our Glorious Savior" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 429 *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured* All

*Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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

*Hymn 286 *Worship Christ, the Risen King!* All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today's Schedule

7:00 am Sunrise Service with Breakfast to follow

10:00 am Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper

(No Sunday School or evening activities)

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

Friday-Saturday Youth Camping Retreat (see Pastor Simpson for details)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

April 14	Ladies' Evening Circle, 7 pm
April 18-19	Meet and Greet Weekend with Pastoral Candidate Lucas Baumbach and his wife Elysse
April 25	95 th Stated Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery at Westminster PCA in Rock Hill, 9 am.

Faith Promise for World Missions

All of Olivet's financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual *Faith Promise* Commitment. A *Faith Promise* is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

Please prayerfully consider making a **new Faith Promise Commitment for 2026**. Commitment Cards are available in the vestibule and may be submitted in the offering plate through the end of April.

2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
2025 Faith Promise <i>Received to date</i>	\$ 16,640.00
New 2026 Faith Promise <i>Pledged (through last Sunday)</i>	\$ 16,255.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 48,894.45
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 55,391.12
Difference	- \$ 6,496.67

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (4/5)	Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes
Next Sunday (4/12)	Gracie Horton, Norah Kaye Summerville

Children's Church Team

Today (4/5)	Amanda Lenker, Addisyn Sikes
Next Sunday (4/12)	Barbara Lawson, Rick Summerville

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 (RUFU 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.