

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold

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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*

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The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*

James R. Clinton

John F. Hawley, *Chairman*

Lee K. Guempel, *Safety*

Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*

Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds, Treasurer*

Malcolm Harshaw

Don L. Johnson

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*

Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*

Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*

Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*

Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*

Susan Petty, *Secretary*

Lorie Hawley, *Missions*

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan)

Garry and Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)

Roger and Laura Dye (Family Life – U.S. Latino)

Brian Howard (RUFJ-Clemson Univ.)

Sara Driggers (Wycliffe)

Ministry Committees, 2025

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Rick Summerville, *Chairman* (2026)

Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Lee Summerville (2029)

Donna McArthur (2025)

Susan Petty (2026)

Megan Covington (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2026)

Lorie Hawley (2025)

Chris Arnold (2029)

Thomas Hardison (2025)

Dennis Krueger (2026)

Bryce Laws (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, *Chairman* (2028)

Barbara Lawson (2026)

Bobby Mendenhall (2029)

Marsha Plyler (2025)

Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Gwen Carlisle (2028)



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, November 2, 2025

Morning Worship Service

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Austin Simpson

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 117, ESV)

*Hymn 53 Praise to the Lord the Almighty Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 128 God Moves in a Mysterious Way Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

Old Testament Reading

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

(Psalm 119:1-7, ESV)

New Testament Reading

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

(Ephesians 5:1-6, ESV)

Hymn 486

God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:22-28

Sermon "He Who Blots Out Our Sins" Pastor Chip McArthur

*Hymn 565 All for Jesus! All

*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
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Election Day (McConnells Municipal Elections at Olivet)
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

November 14	Olivet hosts <i>Winthrop's RUF</i> group for annual Barn Dance (Picnic Shelter). Contributions of desserts will be appreciated.
November 21-23	<i>Fall Youth Retreat</i> at Ridge Haven – See Austin Simpson for details.
November 23	Congregational Meeting, 11:30 am (See note on insert) Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service with McConnells First Baptist followed by time of food and fellowship, 6 pm - At Olivet

December 14 Christmas Pageant, 6 pm
December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to Baby Shower being given by the Olivet WIC for Joy Hardison (wife of Thomas Hardison) from 2 to 4 pm next Sunday, November 9 in the Fellowship Hall. Joy's expecting a girl. A gift registry for Joy can be found online at <https://my.babylist.com/joy-hardison>.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 23, following the morning Worship Service for electing additional church officers. The Session has examined and approved Brian Carlisle and Lee Guempel for election to the office of Ruling Elder, and Pete Lawson and Richard Sikes to the office of Deacon.

Thanksgiving Children's Chorus

A children's chorus is being formed to prepare some special music for the Thanksgiving Service planned for Sunday evening, November 23. Children ages 4-12 are invited to participate. **They'll be learning the music during Children's Church beginning next Sunday.** See Lorie Hawley for more information.

Annual Christmas Pageant

Plans are being made for Olivet's annual Christmas Pageant, scheduled for Sunday evening, December 14 at 6 pm. Ina Ruth Johnson is directing this year and looking for children ages 2-12 to participate. Please call or text Ina Ruth at 803-487-3770 to let her know if your children want to participate.

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>	\$ 8,380.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 189,196.88
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 193,924.11
Difference	-\$ 4,727.23

Collection Duty

November	Malcolm Harshaw, Brian Carlisle
December	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Nursery Team

Today (11/2)	Carson Simpson, Nora Kaye Summerville
Next Sunday (11/9)	Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes

Children's Church Team

Today (11/2)	Michael Laws, Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (11/9)	Lorie Hawley, Jill Christenberry

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

FYI

Pastor Chip is scheduled for a week of vacation starting this afternoon.