

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Assistant Pastor*

Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*

Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold  
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Robert B. Mendenhall  
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*  
Daniel H. Harshaw, *Clerk*  
John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*  
William Lee Summerville, Jr.

David R. Currence, *Emeritus*  
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*  
Jason M. Petty

## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*  
James R. Clinton  
Don L. Johnson  
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Lee K. Guempel, *Safety*  
David W. Kelley  
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*

Malcolm Harshaw  
Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*  
Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*

## 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 Rohrer, *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 Rohrer (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)



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A member congregation of  
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The Lord's Day, May 11, 2025

Prelude Preparation for Worship  
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur  
\*Call to Worship Responsive Reading

*Leader:* Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

*Congregation:* **You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

*Leader:* Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

*Congregation:* **Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

*All:* **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish the work of our hand upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! Amen! Let us worship God!**

(Psalm 90, ESV)

\*Hymn 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 87 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways

inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

(1 Peter 1:13–21, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Mr. Don Johnson

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7

Sermon "Whom Shall We Trust?" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 128 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* All

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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*Happy Mother's Day!*

*Today at Olivet*

8:50 am Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Morning Worship Service

*Note: No Sunday evening ministries today.*

*This Week at Olivet:*

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study, 7 pm

Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm  
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

*Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)*

May 18 Missions Committee Meets (following the Morning Service)

May 20 Day Circle Meets, 1 pm

May 25 Communion Service

June 1-5	Vacation Bible School
June 7-14	<i>Impact West Virginia</i> – Summer Youth Mission, Fairmont, WV
June 23-27	52 <sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America – Chattanooga, TN

*VBS Registration*

Olivet’s annual *Vacation Bible School* ministry with McConnells First Baptist Church is scheduled for 5:30-8:00 pm, June 1-5 at Olivet. *Please register your children in advance.* Registration forms are available one the breezeway.

*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>	\$ 575.00

*Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date	\$ 82,181.60
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 81,177.54
Difference	+ \$1,004.06

*Collection Duty*

May	Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw
June	David Kelley, Brian Carlisle, John Hawley

*Nursery Team*

Today (5/11)	Carson Simpson, Norah Kaye Summerville
Next Sunday (5/18)	Jane Harshaw, Maddie Sikes

*Children’s Church Team*

Today (5/11)	Barb Lawson, Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (5/18)	Michael Laws, Jill Christenberry

*Missions Prayer Requests For May*

*Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you.*

1 Sam. 12:23a

**Brian Howard**-Join with the *RUF-I* team at Clemson to pray for their Summer Conference (SuCo). This week-long Conference is the grand finale of the school year and is centered on Jesus, which leads to rest, growth, and deepening relationships. If you would like to help with SuCo expenses contact Brian at [brianhoward@ruf.org](mailto:brianhoward@ruf.org).

**Peter and Dianne Bakelaar**-Join them in offering thanksgiving for 3 individuals who have recently been baptized. Also join them in prayer to ask the Lord to deepen their connection with the community so that many Japanese would see and hear the Gospel clearly. Pray that lives would be transformed through the entrance of His Word.

MTW reminds us: “If the missionary is holding up their end of the deal, it is incumbent on those who stay behind to dedicate themselves to prayer for missionaries. Frequent, informed, and passionate prayer brings glory to God, gets the person praying more involved in missions and benefits our missionary partners.” So let’s keep praying for our missionaries!

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