

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Jason M. Petty
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*
Susan Petty, *Secretary*

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Lorie Hawley, *Missions*
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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 26, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Responsive Reading

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Congregation: **Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.**

Leader: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

All: **And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.**

(1 Chronicles 29:11–13, ESV)

*Hymn 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 44 *How Great Thou Art* All

Scripture Mediation

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

(John 3:19–21, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace

into our hearts, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Collection His Tithes & Our Offerings

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Matthew 6:19–21, ESV)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 521 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* All

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-14

Sermon "Delighting in the Sabbath" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 642 *Be Thou My Vision* All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

*Postlude
*Those who are able, please stand.

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

Children's Choir

Beginning this evening, a children's choir will be part of our children's ministry. Sunday evening will still include a lesson, recreation, and snack and now we will also sing. For children ages 4-12. If you have questions see Kathy Fairfax or Lorie Hawley

Attention Ladies

The Olivet Women in the Church will meet following this morning's worship service in the conference room.

This Week at Olivet

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday Session Meeting, 4 pm
May 12 Ladies' Bible Study, 7 pm in the Conference Room
May 24 Communion Service, 10 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 53rd General Assembly of the PCA, Louisville, KY.

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>	\$ 17,740.00
New 2026 Faith Promise <i>Pledged (through last Sunday)</i>	\$ 17,255.00

Important: Please notice that Olivet's *Faith Promise* year ends this Thursday (April 30). Faith Promise offerings received after that will be attributed to the 2026 Faith Promise. It's also the last day to submit new 2026 Faith Promise pledges.

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 67,538.54
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 73,854.83
Difference	- \$ 6,316.29

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (4/26)	Abby Sikes, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (5/3)	Bryce Laws, Laura Frame

Children's Church Team

Today (4/26)	Scharlie Carlisle, Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (5/3)	Brenda Nance, Marsha Plyler

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.