

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*

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Jason M. Petty

Richard B. Summerville, *Emeritus*

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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)

Brian Howard (*RUFI-Clemson University*)

Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean Region*)

Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

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

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)

Scharlie Carlisle (2027)

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Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, *Chairman* (2026)

Gwen Carlisle (2027)

Bobby Mendenhall (2028)

Barbara Lawson (2026)

Michael Laws (2027)

Jimmy Hawley (2028)



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)



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The Lord's Day, January 18, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

(Colossians 3:15–16, ESV)

*Hymn 6 *Oh Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord* (Psalm 103) Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 164 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(Matthew 5:3–12, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Congregation

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

Preparation for Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 370 *Revive Thy Work, O Lord* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:3

Sermon "The Suffering Servant" (Part 1) Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 535 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Congregation

*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
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
2:00 pm	Joint Officers Meeting (Conference Room)
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Thursday	Women in the Church Meeting, 7pm (Conference Room)
Saturday	Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Trinity PCA, Van Wyck, 9 am

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

February 10	Ladies' Evening Circle Meets, 7 pm (Conference Room)
March 15	Missions Conference with Garry Chambers, Guest Preacher
March 29	Fifth Sunday Joint Worship

What about Islam?

During our Sunday evening Bible Study we're being led Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson in a study on teachings of Islam led by Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson. Join at 6 pm tonight us as we continue delve into this important and timely topic.

Attention Parents

If you have a child who you think is ready to make a profession of faith and become a communing member of the church, please speak to Pastor Chip. He is hoping to start a Communicants Class in the next few weeks.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2025 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
2025 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 11,880.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 7,903.00
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 9,231.85
Difference	- \$ 1,329.85

Collection Duty

January	Michael Laws, Richard Sikes
February	Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton

Nursery Team

Today (1/18)	Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (1/25)	Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes

Children's Church Team

Today (1/18)	Barb Lawson, Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (1/25)	Michael Laws, Richard Sikes

Devotional Guides

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

Offering Envelopes

If you haven't yet picked up your weekly offering envelopes for 2026, please do so today. They are available in the vestibule. If you don't find one with your name, please see our Church Treasurer Brent Christenberry.

We're Invited – Filbert Marriage Conference

Filbert Presbyterian Church invites us to participate in their "Gospel-Shaped Marriage" conference planned for Saturday March 28, 2026, from 9am to 1pm. Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn will be the main speaker, with his wife (and co-author) Emily joining him for Q&A following the plenary sessions. Lunch will be provided at the end of the conference, and nursery will be provided. The cost is \$15/individual and \$25/couple.

Missions Prayer Requests For January

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us (1 John 5:14)

Garry & Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean) - Pray for more short-term medical volunteers to serve at the clinic in Belize. Praise that needed food and supplies have been sent to Haiti and Cuba to assist those affected by Hurricane Melissa. Praise that needed support for several Caribbean missionaries has come in. Ask God to continue to supply support needs for those missionaries who still need additional support,

Roger & Laura Dye (Family Life-U.S. Latino) - Pray for the Dyes to have skill to write, translate, and produce resources for Christian families. Also pray that these resources will get into the hands of those who will benefit from them. Finally, pray that the financial needs of the ministry will be met.

Brian Howard (RUF-I Clemson) - Praise for the many guests who attended the RUF-I Christmas party and heard the Christmas story for the first time. Pray that the seeds or the gospel that were scattered during this event will land on fertile soil and bear fruit.

Sara Driggers (Wycliffe) - Continue to pray for Sara and her coworkers as they have experienced and change in leadership

Please remember to pray for all of our missionaries and to continue our financial support through giving.

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