

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher W. Arnold
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Daniel H. Harshaw, *Clerk*
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Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty
Richard B. Summerville, *Emeritus*

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*
Lee K. Guempel
John M. McArthur, *Moderator*

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James R. Clinton
Don L. Johnson
Richard B. Sikes

Malcolm H. Harshaw
Peter G. Lawson
Larry B. Plyler, *Emeritus*
Brent R. Christenberry, *Treasurer, Building and Grounds*

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Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
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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)



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

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



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The Lord's Day, May 17, 2026

Gabrielle Albert

Clair Dye

Madeline Sikes

Norah Kaye Summerville

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth
My soul makes its boast in the LORD
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me;
and let us exalt his name together!

(Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 1 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Then I saw a new heaven and new earth, for the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

(Revelation 21:1-8, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Special Presentation Our 2026 High School Graduates

The Collection His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn 558 *That Man Is Blest Who Fearing God* All

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Sermon "All Things New" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 460 *Amazing Grace* 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 Choir Practice
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study and G3 God's Gospel Gang (Sunday Evening Children's Group): 5/17 - Lee Summerville

This Week at Olivet

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

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.

Urgent

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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.

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2026 Faith Promise <i>Received to date</i>	\$ 425.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 80,784.37
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 87,702.61
Difference	- \$ 6,918.24

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Devotional Guides

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

We're Invited – From Lee and Katie Summerville

We would love to celebrate Norah Kaye's high school graduation with our church family. Please see details for her drop in graduation celebration on Friday, May 29th from 4-6. Location is at the Hands Mill neighborhood clubhouse. 3517 Aqua Point Dr. York, SC 29745

RSVP to Katie Summerville (803)627-2943 by May 24th

Missions Prayer Requests for May

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to
send out laborers into his harvest.*

(Luke 10:2, ESV)

Gary and Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)

Pray for God to raise up more missionaries to serve in the Caribbean and Gordon Woolard as he prepares to teach in May.

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 Florida May 15-17. Pray for Laura to finish the editing and post a bit of her writing on *YouVersion: 30 Days Praying for My Wife/Husband* and it will be a blessing to many.

Brian Howard (RUF1 – Clemson University)

Pray that students who have found it difficult to take that final step in trusting Jesus with their lives will no longer be able to resist his loving call to follow Him.

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan)

Continued prayers for a lease renewal for their residence and Gallery nani. Pray for the Benefiel family as they raise support to join the Bakelaars ministry in Japan.

Sara Driggers (Wycliffe)

Praise that Marty is back on FT duty from his shoulder recovery. Pray for Taylor's wedding plans that Christ will be at the center of their relationship, Miriam and Andrew to trust in God's sovereignty in the life of their baby, Tia to find employment. And pray that the Lord would convict Jade of her need for Christ-centered relationships and return to church. And that Sara will carry the knowledge she learned from her theology course into practical application in her life and work.

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