

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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John M. "Chip" McArthur, Jr., *Pastor*

Austin R. Simpson, *Assistant Pastor*

Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*

Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold

Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*

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

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)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
*The Presbyterian Church in America*



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The Lord's Day, October 26, 2025

## Morning Worship Service

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.

(Psalm 63:3-5, ESV)

\*Hymn 78

*O Bless the Lord My Soul*

Congregation

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 92

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Congregation

Scripture Meditation

Pastor Austin Simpson

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

(Ephesians 4:25-32, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Responsive Reading

*Leader:* Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love for they have been from of old.

*People:* Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness,

*Leader:* O Lord! For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.

*People:* The troubles of our heart are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins."

(Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 16-18, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 307

*Nothing But the Blood*

Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:14-28

Sermon

"Made for Praise"

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.

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## *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*

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | Called Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery at Redeeming Grace PCA, Lake Wylie, 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Youth Group Meets, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)<br>Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room) |

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Receipts to Date            | \$ 185,632.63 |
| Budget requirements to Date | \$ 189,414.25 |
| Difference                  | -\$ 3,781.62  |

### *Congregational Meetings*

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for this morning, following the morning Worship Service, for the purpose of: (1) acting on Pastor Chip McArthur's request that his pastoral relationship with Olivet be dissolved effective May 30, 2026, due to his anticipated honorable retirement, and (2) electing a pulpit committee to begin the search for a new pastor.

The Session has also 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.

### *Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)*

|                |                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Next Sunday    | <i>Fellowship Presbytery PresWIC Fall Gathering, 2-5 pm (at Westminster PCA, Rock Hill)</i>                                     |
| November 14    | Olivet hosts <i>Winthrop's RUF</i> group for annual Barn Dance (Picnic Shelter). Contributions of desserts will be appreciated. |
| November 21-21 | <i>Fall Youth Retreat</i> at Ridge Haven – See Austin Simpson for details.                                                      |
| November 23    | 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                                                                                           |

### *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*

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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*

### *Collection Duty*

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| October  | Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton |
| November | Malcolm Harshaw, Brian Carlisle    |

### *Nursery Team*

|                    |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Today (10/26)      | Addison Sikes, Bryce Laws             |
| Next Sunday (11/2) | Carson Simpson, Nora Kaye Summerville |

### *Children's Church Team*

|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Today (10/26)      | Barb Lawson, Richard Sikes |
| Next Sunday (11/2) | Michael Laws, Toni Clinton |

### *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 October*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... (1 Timothy 2:1)*

**Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW Japan)**-The Bakelaar's ask us to join them in praying as they put forth the idea of boasting in our weakness. This holds profound significance in the Japanese society that prioritizes perfection.

**Brian Howard (RUF-I Clemson)**-Pray for a Muslim student who has stepped away from Islam and is sincerely exploring Christianity. Pray for a student who is a husband and father of 2. He is concerned about what to do when their funding runs out in December. Continue to pray for Brian, Izak and Anna as they sow seeds of God's truth at Clemson.

**Garry and Anita Chambers (MTW-Caribbean)**-Pray for the Chambers as they attend the America's leadership Forum in Columbia, South America Oct.3-10. Pray that Anita will be able to acquire needed equipment and supplies for the medical clinic. Pray for the tensions that exist between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. These tensions make theology and leadership classes difficult for Haitian church leaders in the Dominican Republic.

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

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