

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher W. Arnold	Brian J. Carlisle	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>
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The Diaconate

James R. Clinton	Malcolm H. Harshaw	John F. Hawley, <i>Chairman</i>
Don L. Johnson	Peter G. Lawson	Michael A. Laws, <i>Secretary</i>
Richard B. Sikes	Larry B. Plyler, <i>Emeritus</i>	
	Brent R. Christenberry, <i>Treasurer, Building and Grounds</i>	

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children’s Church</i>
Marsha Plyler, <i>Treasurer/Pastor’s Aide</i>	Lorie Hawley, <i>Missions</i>
Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>	Ina Ruth Johnson, <i>Historian</i>
	Frankie Guempel, <i>Circle Chair</i>

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	Brian Howard (<i>RUF1-Clemson University</i>)
Garry and Anita Chambers (<i>MTW-Caribbean Region</i>)	Sara Driggers (<i>Wycliffe</i>)
	Roger and Laura Dye (<i>Family Life – U.S. Latino</i>)

Ministry Committees, 2026

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Lee Summerville, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Susan Petty (2026)
Megan Covington (2027)	Pete Lawson (2028)
Lee Guempel (2028)	Lorie Hawley (2028)

Missions Committee

Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Dennis Krueger (2026)
Bryce Laws (2027)	Scharlie Carlisle (2027)
Chris Arnold (2028)	Abby Sikes (2028)

Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, <i>Chairman</i> (2026)	Barbara Lawson (2026)
Gwen Carlisle (2027)	Michael Laws (2027)
Bobby Mendenhall (2028)	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, January 4, 2026

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Pastor Austin Simpson

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your
kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

(Psalm 145:8–13, ESV)

*Hymn 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Congregation

Scripture Meditation

Pastor Chip McArthur

Thus says the LORD:
“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.
He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,

for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?
“I the LORD search the heart and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

(Jeremiah 17:5–10, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer (Confession and Intercession)

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message Mr. Austin Simpson
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 49:1-13

Sermon The Lord's Servant Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 423 *According to Thy Gracious Word* Congregation

*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 252 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 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
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
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)
Saturday	Men's Breakfast, 8 am (Fellowship Hall)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

January 13	Ladies' Circle, 7 pm
January 18	Joint Officers Meeting, 2 pm
January 24	Fellowship Presbytery Meets a Trinity PCA in Van Wyck

What about Islam?

During our Sunday evening Bible Study for the few Sundays we'll be led by Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson in a study on teachings of Islam led by Pete Lawson and Austin Simpson. Join at 6 pm tonight as we delve into this important and timely topic.

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>	\$ 10,630.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 231,050.31
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 234,050.31
Difference	- \$ 3,462.57

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (1/4)	Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws
Next Sunday (1/11)	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle

Children's Church Team

Today (1/4)	Amanda Lenker, Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (1/11)	Scharlie Carlisle, Jane Harshaw

Devotional Guides

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