

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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  
Don L. Johnson  
Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds, Treasurer*  
Lee K. Guempel, *Safety*  
David W. Kelley  
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*  
Malcolm Harshaw  
Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*  
Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*

## 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 Rohrer, *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 Rohrer (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, May 18, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

(Psalm 103:17–22, ESV)

\*Hymn 78                      *O Bless the Lord, My Soul*                      All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 111                      *This Is My Father's World*                      All

Scripture Meditation                      Pastor Austin Simpson

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

And this word is the good news that was preached to you. So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into

salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

(1 Peter 1:22–2:3, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 302                      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*                      All

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading                      Isaiah 8:1-9:7

Sermon                      "Whom Shall We Trust?" (Part 2)                      Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 159                      *O Savior, Precious Savior*                      All

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735                      *The Gloria Patri*                      All

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Today at Olivet

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	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

## This Week at Olivet:

Tuesday	Day Circle Meets, 1 pm
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm
	Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

## Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

### Next Sunday Communion Service

June 1-5	Vacation Bible School
June 10	Evening Circle Meets, 7 pm
June 7-14	<i>Impact West Virginia</i> – Summer Youth Mission, Fairmont, WV
June 23-27	52 <sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America – Chattanooga, TN

### *Missions Committee*

The Missions Committee is scheduled to meet following this morning's Worship Service

### *VBS Registration*

Olivet's annual *Vacation Bible School* ministry with McConnells First Baptist Church is scheduled for 5:30-8:00 pm, June 1-5 at Olivet. *Please register your children in advance.* Registration forms are available one the breezeway.

### *We're Invited*

We're invited to a "Pie Breakfast" celebrating Samuel Carlisle's graduation! Drop in between 9:00 and 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 24th. 170 Hawley Road McConnells. RSVP to Scharlie 803.322.4297

### *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>	\$ 905.00

### *Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date	\$ 89,053.19
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 85,687.40
Difference	+ \$3,365.79

### *Collection Duty*

May	Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw
June	David Kelley, Brian Carlisle, John Hawley

### *Nursery Team*

Today (5/18)	Jane Harshaw, Maddie Sikes
Next Sunday (5/25)	Frankie Guempel, Donna McArthur

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (5/18)	Michael Laws, Jill Christenberry
Next Sunday (5/25)	Lorie Rohrer, Rick Summerville

### *Missions Prayer Requests For May*

*Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you.*

1 Sam. 12:23a

**Brian Howard**-Join with the *RUF-I* team at Clemson to pray for their Summer Conference (SuCo). This week-long Conference is the grand finale of the school year and is centered on Jesus, which leads to rest, growth, and deepening relationships. If you would like to help with SuCo expenses contact Brian at [brianhoward@ruf.org](mailto:brianhoward@ruf.org).

**Peter and Dianne Bakelaar**-Join them in offering thanksgiving for 3 individuals who have recently been baptized. Also join them in prayer to ask the Lord to deepen their connection with the community so that many Japanese would see and hear the Gospel clearly. Pray that lives would be transformed through the entrance of His Word.

MTW reminds us: "If the missionary is holding up their end of the deal, it is incumbent on those who stay behind to dedicate themselves to prayer for missionaries. Frequent, informed, and passionate prayer brings glory to God, gets the person praying more involved in missions and benefits our missionary partners." So let's keep praying for our missionaries!

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