

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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)



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, November 23, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Preparation for Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

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.

(Psalm 145:8–13, ESV)

*Hymn 2 *O Worship the King*

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 457 *Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing*

Scripture Meditation

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,

your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward
us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

(Psalm 40:1–5, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

**As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mercy from us;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve us!
For evils have encompassed us
beyond number;
our iniquities have overtaken us,
and we cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of our heads;
our hearts fail us.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us!
O Lord, make haste to help us!**

(Psalm 40:11–13, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

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

Hymn 521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Congregation

Scripture Reading Isaiah 44:6-23

Sermon "Trusting the One True God" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 310 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* All

*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

10:30 am Morning Worship Service

Called Congregational Meeting (see note on insert)

2:00 pm Funeral Service for Dave Chantelau at Chester ARP with burial at Olivet

5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Annual Thanksgiving Service with McConnells First Baptist Church. Food and fellowship to follow. Please bring a covered dish.

Receipts to Date	\$ 206,791.31
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 207,453.70
Difference	-\$ 662.39

This Week at Olivet

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

December 4	Called Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery, 7pm at Christ Ridge PCA in Fort Mill
December 7	Missions Committee Meeting (following Morning Worship)
December 9	Ladies’ Evening Circle, 7 pm
December 14	New Officer Ordination and Installation – during the Morning Worship Service
	Christmas Pageant, 6 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

Congregational Meetings

This Morning

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for this morning 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.

Next Sunday

The Session has also called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday morning, November 30, immediately following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2026 Budget and to vote on a proposed change to the Pastor’s call (compensation package).

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

2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
2025 Faith Promise <i>Received to date</i>	\$ 9,330.00

Church Budget Matters

Collection Duty

November	Malcolm Harshaw, Brian Carlisle
December	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Nursery Team

Today	Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws
Next Sunday	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle

Children’s Church Team

Today	Amanda Lenker, Jane Harshaw
Next Sunday	Scharlie Carlisle, Rick Summerville

Devotional Guides

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