

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Brian J. Carlisle	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>
David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>	Jeffery E. Fairfax, <i>Emeritus</i>	Lee K. Guempel
Daniel H. Harshaw, <i>Clerk</i>	James M. Hawley, <i>Emeritus</i>	John M. McArthur, <i>Moderator</i>
Robert B. Mendenhall	Jason M. Petty	Richard B. Summerville, <i>Emeritus</i>
William Lee Summerville, Jr.		

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)	Abby Sikes (2028)
Chris Arnold (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, May 3, 2026

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

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 145:10-13, ESV)

*Hymn 2 *O Worship the King!* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn All

Scripture Mediation Pastor Chip McArthur

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

(Colossians 3:1-10, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin

Hymn 586 *God, Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)* All

Pastoral Prayer

The Collection His Tithes & Our Offerings

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

(Proverbs 3:9-10, ESV)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 59:1-21

Sermon "On Repentance and Redemption" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* 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
4:00 pm Session Meeting
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)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

May 12 Ladies' Bible Study, 7 pm in the Conference Room
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.

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.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2025 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2025	\$ 14,460.00
2025 Faith Promise <i>Final</i>	\$ 18,075.00
New 2026 Faith Promise <i>Pledged</i> , April 30, 2026	\$ 17,675.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts year to date	\$ 71,133.54
Budget requirements year to date	\$ 78,470.75
Difference	- \$ 7,337.21

Collection Duty

May	Brent Christenberry, Jamie Clinton
June	Malcolm Harshaw, John Hawley

Nursery Team

Today (5/3)	Bryce Laws, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (5/10)	Kathy Fairfax, Maddie Sikes

Children’s Church Team

Today (5/3)	Brenda Nance, Marsha Plyler
Next Sunday (5/10)	Amanda Lenker, Richard Sikes

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 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.