

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*
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William Lee Summerville, Jr., *Clerk*

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*
Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*

Lee K. Guempel, *Safety Team*
Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds*
David W. Kelley

Malcolm Harshaw, *Treasurer*
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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 Global-Latin America*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*
Jill Christenberry (2024)
Rick Summerville (2026)

Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*
Brian Carlisle (2024)
Jason Petty (2026)

Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
Dennis Krueger (2026)

Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), *Chairman*
Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Barbara Lawson (2028)
Marsha Plyler (2025)
Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, May 5, 2024

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements
 *Call to Worship

Preparation for Worship
 Pastor Chip McArthur

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever!
 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
 whom he has redeemed from trouble
 and gathered in from the lands,
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
 for his wondrous works to the children of man!
 For he satisfies the longing soul,
 and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

(Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9, ESV)

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

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* All

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

(James 2:8-13, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

(Psalm 51:1-2, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer
 His Tithes & Our Offerings
 *Doxology
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Hymn 313 *Unto My Lord Jehovah Said (Psalm 110)* All
 Children's Message Mr. Simpson
 (Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)
 Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:1-13
 Sermon "A Minister of the Mystery" Pastor McArthur
 *Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation* All
 *Benediction
 *Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Postlude
 *Those who are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Morning Worship Service
 5:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:00 pm **Ordination and Installation Service for Austin Simpson as Assistant Pastor**
No Children's Ministry this evening.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group, 6 pm (Fellowship Hall)
 Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
 Saturday Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 am

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

May 17-18 Youth Campout (at Olivet)
 June 2-6 Vacation Bible School (see note on insert)
 June 10-14 51st General Assembly of the PCA, Richmond, VA

Vacation Bible School 2024 – Please Register

Olivet is again hosting Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church, scheduled for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. with classes for children and teens 3 years old through Grade 12. Please register on the church website at www.olivetpca.org.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to Jane Nance in the death on Thursday of her mother, Mrs. Margie Hall. A funeral service is planned for tomorrow at 11 am at First Presbyterian Church in York. Visitation will be before the service, starting at 10 am.

Attention Parents

A “Communicants Class” is being organized. If you have a child showing interest in becoming a communing church member, please let Pastor Chip know.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023: \$ 19,340.00

2023 Faith Promise FINAL \$ 21,728.00

2024 (New) Faith Promise PLEDGED \$ 20,960.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date \$ 57,465.54

Budget requirements to Date \$ 63,273.28

Difference (\$5,807.74)

Collection Duty

May Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

June David Kelley, Brian Carlisle, John Hawley

Nursery Team

Today (5/5) Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel

Next Sunday (5/12) Gracie Horton, Megan Covington

Children’s Church Team

Today (5/5) Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

Next Sunday (5/12) Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are available today in the vestibule.

By Faith

The PCA’s denominational magazine **byFaith** is now available exclusively in an online digital format. You can find it at byFaithonline.com where you can also sign up to receive [twice-weekly updates in your inbox](#).