

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
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The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows & Shut-ins</i>	Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	James R. Clinton
Lee K. Guempel, <i>Safety Team</i>	Malcolm Harshaw, <i>Treasurer</i>	John F. Hawley, <i>Chairman</i>
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
Ina Ruth Johnson, <i>Historian</i>	Marsha Plyler, <i>Treasurer/Pastor's Aide</i>	Lorie Rohrer, <i>Missions</i>
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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	Brian Howard (<i>RUF1-Clemson Univ.</i>)
Garry and Anita Chambers (<i>MTW-Caribbean</i>)	Sara Driggers (<i>Wycliffe</i>)
Roger and Laura Dye (<i>Family Life Global-Latin America</i>)	Debbie Richards (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)

Ministry Committees, 2023

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Brenda Nance (2023)
Jill Christenberry (2024)	Donna McArthur (2025)
Rick Summerville (2026)	Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Susan Petty (2023)
Brian Carlisle (2024)	Thomas Hardison (2025)
Jason Petty (2026)	Lori Rohrer (2025)

Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), <i>Chairman</i>	Laura Frame (2023)
Katie Summerville (2024)	Marsha Plyler (2026)
Scharlie Carlisle (2026)	



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McConnells, South Carolina

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The Lord's Day, October 8, 2023

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:28–31, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All

The Sacrament of Baptism

Abigail Paisley McCluer

The Law of God

Leader: What is the seventh commandment?

People:* The seventh commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery.

Leader: What does the seventh commandment require?

***People:* The seventh commandment requires us and everyone else to keep sexually pure in heart, speech, and action.**

Leader: What does the seventh commandment forbid?

***People:* The seventh commandment forbids thinking, saying, or doing anything sexually impure.**

From *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*¹, Questions 70-72

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Prayer

**Father, you know us better than we know ourselves.
You know when we sit down and when we rise up.
You know when we go out and when we lie down to sleep.
You know and understand our thoughts even before we have them. There is nowhere we can go to be apart from you.**

How could we hide our sin from you? We confess that our hearts are plagued with sin. O God, forgive us, and make us clean.

Adapted from Psalm 139

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

(Ephesians 1:7–8, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 307

Nothing But the Blood

All

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

John 19:1-16a

Sermon

"Oppressed and Afflicted"

Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 247

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735

The Gloria Patri

All

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

¹ Kelly, Douglas F., et al. *The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English*. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1986.

Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship
2:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study

Sermon Notes for Kids

Starting this morning, "Kid's Sermon Notes" are available next week to help our children to follow along with our worship service. The notes are in the baskets, printed on the back of the coloring sheets and also separately. Please encourage your kids to participate by filling out their copy, and then sharing their notes with any elder or deacon to receive a treat.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Saturday	Women in the Church Fall Gathering at Zion PCA. Baby Shower for Carson Simpson, 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Next Sunday – Called Congregational Meeting

The Olivet Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, October 15, immediately following the worship service for presenting its intent to extend a call to Mr. Austin Simpson as an Assistant Pastor. Mr. Simpson is scheduled to graduate from *Reformed Theological Seminary* (Charlotte) in December.

Also Next Sunday – Operation Christmas Child

An *Operation Christmas Child* Shoebox Packing Party is planned for next Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. Everyone's invited to participate.

Note: Shoebox supplies are needed and may be dropped off in the Ladies' Sunday School room.

Looking Ahead

October 29	Fifth Sunday Joint Worship at Bullock Creek, 6 pm
November 10	RUF-Winthrop Barn Dance – Olivet Picnic Shelter
November 17-19	Youth Fall Retreat at Ridgehaven

November 19 Annual Joint Thanksgiving Service with McConnells First Baptist (Olivet hosting), 6 pm

Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 10,602.50

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 155,560.40
Receipts to date:	\$ 159,602.38

Collection Duty

October	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton
November	Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

Nursery Team

Today (10/8)	Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel
Next Sunday (10/15)	Donna McArthur, Bryce Laws

Children's Church Team

Today (10/8)	Susan Petty (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (10/15)	Lori Rohrer (T), Jill Summerville

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk*, as well as the PCA's *ByFaith Magazine* are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

Missions Prayer Requests For October

Pray that God may open a door to us for the Word.

Colossians 4:3

Debbie Richards-Pray for Debbie who is now South Carolina. She is with her parents who are experiencing health problems. Pray that she will have the opportunities to meet with supporting churches.

Sara Driggers-Praise that her time in Florida was productive. Pray for a client who needs to accomplish a large amount of partnership development. Pray for 2 other clients who will be having intensive training.

Peter & Diane Bakelaar-Pray for son, Evan, and his family as they move to New Hampshire at the end of the month. Pray that they will be able to raise the support needed to return to Japan and be able to find time to connect with supporters while they are in the US. Pray for volunteers to set up an internship program for next year when they return to Japan.

Brian & Missy Howard-Praise for their 1st event that provided a good opportunity to reconnect with returning students and reach out to new students. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be working each week as they meet with students. Pray for opportunities to open and read the Bible with students. Pray for resources to continue the work at Clemson.

Garry and Anita Chambers-Pray that a youth training ministry on the 16th will impact the Caribbean by providing future leaders who are well equipped. Pray that a marriage seminar that was canceled in Haiti will be rescheduled.

Roger and Laura Dye-No October update, but we can pray for safety in travel, financial support, and for their personal spiritual health as well as for people to come to Christ through their labors.