

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
Jeffery E. Fairfax, <i>Emeritus</i>	Daniel H. Harshaw	James M. Hawley, <i>Emeritus</i>
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Jason M. Petty	Richard B. Summerville, Jr.	William Lee Summerville, Jr., <i>Clerk</i>

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>
Don L. Johnson	David W. Kelley	Michael A. Laws, <i>Secretary</i>
Larry M. Plyler, <i>Emeritus</i>	S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., <i>Emeritus</i>	

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
Jane Harshaw, <i>Historian</i>	Marsha Plyler, <i>Treasurer/Pastor's Aide</i>	Donna McArthur, <i>Missions</i>
Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</i>		

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	Brian Howard (<i>RUFJ-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

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



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, April 16, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur
*Call to Worship

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

(Revelation 7:9–12, ESV)

*Hymn 235 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 44 *How Great Thou Art* Congregation

Scripture Mediation

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,

and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

(Psalm 19:7–11, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in the newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bobby Griffith, Jr.

Assurance of Pardon

[God] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13–14, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 498 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading John 13:31-38

Sermon "How Christ's True Disciples Are Known" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 The Gloria Patri Congregation

*Postlude

*Those that are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

- 8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip’s study)
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Morning Worship Service
- 2:00 pm Deacons’ Meeting**
- 4:00 pm Vacation Bible School Organizational Meeting**
- 5:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:00 pm Sunday Night Special: Children’s ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Family Bible study followed by fellowship supper. Join us!**

This Week at Olivet

- Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in the Conference Room
- Saturday Fellowship Presbytery meets at Bullock Creek PCA, 9 am.

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars!)

- April 30 Olivet hosts Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Service, 6 pm**
- May 16 Active Shooter Training, 7 pm – See Deacon Lee Guempel for more information.**
- June 4-8 Vacation Bible School at Olivet
- June 12-16 50th General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

Vacation Bible School 2023

Plans are in the works for this year’s **Vacation Bible School** now scheduled for **June 4-8 at Olivet**. Once again, we’ll be joining forces with McConnells First Baptist Church for this annual summer ministry to the community. An **organizational meeting for all VBS volunteers** is planned for **this afternoon at 4 pm**. See Frankie Guempel for details.

Children’s Ministry Need

Additional volunteers are needed for Olivet’s Nursery and Children’s Church ministries. A Children’s Ministry volunteer must be at least 16 years old, a communing member of the church, and approved for the ministry by the Session. *Children’s Ministry Volunteer Forms* are available in the vestibule. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

Faith Promise for World Missions

All of Olivet’s financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Since 1999, the Lord has been pleased to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in missionary support through the Olivet Church family and Faith Promise giving.

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

Please prayerfully consider making **a new Faith Promise Commitment for 2023**. Cards are available in the vestibule and may be submitted through the offering plate. They will be received through the month of April.

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 24,040.00
New 2023 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$17,850.00
<i>Important:</i>	<i>All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2023, will go toward the 2022 Faith Promise.</i>

Collection Duty

- April John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
- May Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

Nursery Team

- Today (4/16) Jane Harshaw, Gwen Carlisle
- Next Sunday (4/23) Megan Covington, Sandra Currence

Children’s Church Team

- Today (4/16) Scharlie Carlisle (T), Roy Clinton
- Next Sunday (4/23) Susan Petty (T), Rick Summerville

Church Budget Matters

- Budget requirements to date \$ 58,535.15
- Receipts to date: \$ 64,017.48