

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*  
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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 &amp; Shut-ins</i>	Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings &amp; 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>		

## 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>
Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</i>		

## 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

A member congregation of  
*The Presbyterian Church in America*



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The Lord's Day, January 7, 2024

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

**L**ift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory! Selah

(Psalm 24:7–10, ESV)

\*Hymn 101

*Come Thou Almighty King!*

All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 53

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

All

The Sacrament of Baptism

Jackson Sumpter Covington

Scripture Meditation

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

(1 John 1:5–10, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 338

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

All

Children's Message

Mr. Simpson

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 24

Sermon

"In the Lord's Holy Place"

Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 423

*According to Thy Gracious Word*

Congregation

\*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn 646

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Congregation

\*Confession of Faith

\*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

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship
	Deacons Meeting (after worship)
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Children's Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study</b>

### This Week at Olivet

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Women in the Church Meeting, 7pm at Sandra Currence's . All women welcome!</b>
Wednesday	Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Men of the Covenant Breakfast at 8 am (Fellowship Hal</b>

### Looking Ahead

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Communion Service, 10 am</b>
January 28	Fellowship Presbytery Meets, Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill
March 17	Annual Missions Conference with Rev. Chuck McArthur, guest preacher.

### Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 16,147.50

### Church Budget Matters – End of Year Numbers

Budget requirements	\$ 202,228.52
Receipts	\$ 206,144.50

### Collection Duty

January	Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws
February	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton

### Nursery Team

Today (1/7)	Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel
Next Sunday (1/14)	Donna McArthur, Megan Covington

### Children's Church Team

Today (1/7)	Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (1/14)	Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler

### Missions Prayer Requests For January

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

-Colossians 4:3

**Debbie Richards**-Continue to pray for Debbie to be able to help her parents and make decisions about their health care. Pray that she will be able to make contact with her supporters while in the states.

**Sara Driggers**-Pray for wisdom to advise a client who needs to reach goals in order to serve in Asia. Pray for Marty as he begins field training at the sheriff's office.

**Peter & Diane Bakelaar**-Pray for Peter and Diane to raise the support they need and as they travel this month.

**Brian & Missy Howard**-Pray for their weekly large group meetings on Tuesdays, for Coffee with Anna discipling on Fridays, for volunteers as they help internationals learn life skills live in the States.

**Garry and Anita Chambers**-Pray that God would raise up students with a desire to reach children, youth and young adults. Be praying for and for an additional \$800/month in support.

**Roger and Laura Dye**-Pray that souls would be saved and families would be strengthened through their ministry.

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*The wonderful thing about prayer is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible.*

*-Corrie Ten Boom*