

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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John M. "Chip" McArthur, Jr., *Pastor*
Austin R. Simpson, *Ministerial Intern*
Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*
Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

The Session

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| 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> |
| Robert B. Mendenhall | John M. McArthur, Jr. <i>Moderator</i> | Jason M. Petty |
| Richard B. Summerville, Jr. | William Lee Summerville, Jr., <i>Clerk</i> | |

The Diaconate

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| 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> | | |

The Women in the Church

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| 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> | Donna McArthur, <i>Missions</i> |
| Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</i> | | |

Our Missionaries

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| 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

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

Missions Committee

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

Witness Committee

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| Daniel Harshaw (2026), <i>Chairman</i> | Laura Frame (2023) |
| Katie Summerville (2024) | Marsha Plyler (2026) |
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The Lord's Day, August 20, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Chip McArthur

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

(Psalm 96:1-4, ESV)

*Hymn 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 44 *How Great Thou Art* All

The Law of God Mr. Austin Simpson

Leader: What is the first commandment?

***People:* The first commandment is: You shall have no other gods before me.**

Leader: What does the first commandment require?

***People:* The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God, and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.**

Leader: What does the first commandment forbid?

***People:* The first commandment forbids denying God or not worshipping and glorifying Him as the true God and our God. It also forbids giving worship and glory, which He alone deserves, to anyone or anything else.**

From *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*¹, Questions 45-47

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Prayer

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.

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation* All

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

Scripture Reading John 17:20-26

Sermon "The High Priestly Prayer" – Part 3 Pastor McArthur

*Hymn All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

*Postlude

*Those that 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 Service
2:00 pm **Deacons' Meeting**
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm **Sunday Night Special: Children's ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), Family Bible Study, followed**

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

by some time of fellowship around some churns of homemade ice cream. Don't miss it!

Pastor Chip and Donna are scheduled to be at *The Cove* (Billy Graham Training Center in NC) starting Tuesday for a few days of personal retreat. Thank you, Olivet family!

Also Today

The *Discipleship Ministries Committee* will meet immediately following the Morning Worship Service in the Pastor's Study.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday Joint Evening Worship at Zion PCA – Presentation on this summer's West Virginia Mission Trip, 6:00 pm. Bring a snack to share.

September 28 Fellowship Presbytery Meets, 9 am at Filbert PCA.

October 1 Homecoming at Olivet – Guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Bryant

Faith Promise for World Missions

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| 2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023: | \$ 19,340.00 |
| 2023 Faith Promise received to date: | \$ 7,652.50 |

Church Budget Matters

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| Budget requirements to date | \$ 128,337.33 |
| Receipts to date: | \$ 136,998.17 |

Collection Duty

August Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley

September Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

Nursery Team

Today (8/20) Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

Next Sunday (8/27) Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel

Children's Church Team

Today (8/20) Amanda Lenker (T), Roy Clinton

Next Sunday (8/27) Susan Petty (T), Rick Summerville

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