

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Ministerial Intern*  
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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>
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

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>Circle Chair</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, 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 (2026)

Austin Simpson (2028)  
Marsha Plyler (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, February 4, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Pastor Chip McArthur

**B**less the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

(Psalm 104:1-2, 33-34, ESV)

\*Hymn 2 *O Worship the King* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 44 *How Great Thou Art* All

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
For when I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:1-5, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

**O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of  
Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the  
broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in**

**thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all  
our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our  
mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as  
ourselves. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and  
the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for  
the wrong we have done and for the good we have left  
undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.  
But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O  
Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of  
our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love.  
Amen.**

From *The Valley of Vision*

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon "The Mystery of His Will" (Ephesians 1:7-10) Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 642 *Be Thou My Vision* 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

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

## This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Saturday	Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 am. All ladies welcome! (at the church)

## Looking Ahead

February 25	Communion Service at Olivet
March 17	Annual Missions Conference with Rev. Chuck McArthur, guest preacher.
March 23	Fellowship Presbytery Women's Gathering at Salem PCA (See information below)

## Attention Ladies

All ladies are encouraged to pray for and attend the PresWIC Women's Gathering scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at Salem PCA in Gaffney (1907 Hickory Grove Rd. Gaffney, SC). The theme of the event is "Taking the Gospel to the Nations." Check in starts at 8 am with the program starting at 9 am. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. To register, see Marsha Plyer or Sandra Currence.

## Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 17,422.50

## Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to Date	\$18,078.08
Receipts to Date	\$ 14,663.99
Difference	(\$3,114.09)

## Collection Duty

February	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton
March	Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

## Nursery Team

Today (2/4)	Gracie Horton, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (2/11)	Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

## Children's Church Team

Today (2/4)	Barbara Lawson (T), Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (2/11)	Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

## FYI

Pastor Chip is scheduled to take a week of vacation starting tomorrow.

## Important Note About SC Presidential Primaries in February

We have received notice from the York County Board of Registrations & Elections that Olivet will NOT be the voting location for the McConnells Precinct for the SC Presidential Primary voting. McConnells Precinct voters instead may cast their ballots at the York County Fire Training Center located at 2500 McFarland Road in York.

This change is ONLY for the February Presidential Primaries. The rest of the 2024 scheduled voting for the McConnells Precinct is to remain at Olivet.

The Democratic Primary was held Saturday, February 3, 2024. The Republican Primary is scheduled for February 24, 2024.

## Missions Prayer Requests For February

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

--Colossians 4:2

**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*