

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>
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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The Lord's Day, September 24, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Pastor Chip McArthur

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

(Psalm 95:1-7, ESV)

*Hymn 302 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 304 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* All

The Law of God Mr. Austin Simpson

Leader: What is the sixth commandment?

People: **The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.**

Leader: What does the sixth commandment require?

People: **The sixth commandment requires making every lawful effort to preserve one's own life and the lives of others.**

Leader: What does the sixth commandment forbid?

People: **The sixth commandment forbids taking one's own life or the lives of others unjustly or doing anything that leads to suicide or murder.**

From *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*¹, Questions 67-69

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Prayer

Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from old. Remember not the sins of my youth, and my rebellious ways: according to Your love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. For the sake of Your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

From Psalm 25

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* All

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

Scripture Reading John 18:28-40

Sermon "Before Pilate" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 246 *Man of Sorrows! What a Name* All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)

9:00 am Sunday School

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

10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
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)
Thursday	Fellowship Presbytery meets at Filbert PCA in York, 9 am

Homecoming Next Sunday

Don't miss Olivet's *Homecoming* celebration scheduled for next Sunday starting with Sunday School at 9 am, the annual meeting of the Olivet Cemetery Association at 10, and Worship, with the Lord's Supper at 10:30. And of course, don't forget about the covered dish "Dinner on the Grounds" following worship. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Jeff Bryant from Filbert PCA. Everyone's invited. Please spread the word!

Looking Ahead

October 8	Deacon's Meeting, 2 pm Session Meeting, 4 pm
October 14	Women in the Church Fall Gathering at Zion PCA. <i>Celebrating God Through the Psalms.</i> Registration forms are in the vestibule. If you wish to attend, please fill out the form & give Marsha Plyler \$15.00 by October 6, 2023 Baby Shower for Carson Simpson, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
October 15	<i>Operation Christmas Child</i> Shoebox Packing Party, 6:00 pm. Supplies are needed and may be dropped off in the Ladies' Sunday School room.
November 17-19	Youth Fall Retreat at Ridgehaven

Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 9,502.50

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 147,782.38
Receipts to date:	\$ 152,647.13

Collection Duty

September	Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws
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October	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton
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Nursery Team

Today (9/24)	Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (10/1)	Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

Children's Church Team

Today (9/24)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (10/1)	Amanda Lenker (T), Roy Clinton

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

