

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Ministerial Intern*

Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*

Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold  
Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*  
Robert B. Mendenhall  
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*  
Daniel H. Harshaw  
John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*  
William Lee Summerville, Jr., *Clerk*

David R. Currence, *Emeritus*  
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*  
Jason M. Petty

## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*  
James R. Clinton  
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*  
Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds*  
Lee K. Guempel, *Safety Team*  
Don L. Johnson  
Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*  
Malcolm Harshaw, *Treasurer*  
David W. Kelley

## The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*  
Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*  
Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*

Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*  
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*  
Susan Petty, *Secretary*  
Lorie Rohrer, *Missions*

## Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)  
Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)  
Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)  
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)  
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

## 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 (2025)

Barbara Lawson (2028)  
Marsha Plyler (2025)  
Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
*The Presbyterian Church in America*



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The Lord's Day, April 14, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

\*Call to Worship

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.  
All your works shall give thanks to you,  
O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!  
(Psalm 145:8–10, ESV)

\*Hymn 115 *All Creatures of Our God and King* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 358 *For All the Saints* All

Corporate Confession of Sin Responsive Reading

**All: Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy.**

Minister: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; You abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

**All: But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful bloodthirsty.**

Minister: By Your mercy alone, by the abundance of Your steadfast love may we enter Your house.

**All: Because of Your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in You. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with our favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Adapted from Psalm 5)

Assurance of Pardon

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the

riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all  
wisdom and insight.

(Ephesians 1:7–8, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 558 *That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God (Psalm 1)* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-16

Sermon "Apart No Longer" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 347 *The Church's One Foundation* 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*

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Morning Worship Service

**2:00 pm Deacons Meeting**

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, 6 pm

Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

Saturday Youth Sports Day with Christ Ridge PCA, 3 pm (at Olivet)

*Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)*

**April 27 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Olivet, 9 am**

May 17-18 Youth Campout (at Olivet)

**June 2-6**      **Vacation Bible School (see note below)**  
June 10-14      51st General Assembly of the PCA, Richmond, VA

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

All of Olivet's financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a **new Faith Promise Commitment for 2024** using the enclosed card. Cards may be submitted through the offering plate and will be received through the month of April.

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 20,478.50
2024 (New) Faith Promise pledges to date:	<b>\$ 16,810.00</b>

*Important:* All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2024, will go toward the 2023 Faith Promise.

### *Vacation Bible School 2024*

Olivet will again be hosting as we hold our joint Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church planned this year for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Volunteers are needed for teaching, teacher's aides, food prep and clean-up (dinner from 5:30-6:00) etc. **Please contact Barbara Lawson if you'd like to help out.**

### *Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date	\$ 57,465.54
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 63,273.28
Difference	(\$ 5,807.74)

### *Collection Duty*

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

### *Nursery Team*

Today (4/14)	Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (4/21)	Donna McArthur, Gwen Carlisle

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (4/14)	Amanda Lenker (T), Richard Sikes
Next Sunday (4/21)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton

### *Devotional Guides*

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are available today in the vestibule.

### *By Faith*

The PCA's denominational magazine **byFaith** is now available exclusively in an online digital format. You can find it at [byFaithonline.com](http://byFaithonline.com) where you can also sign up to receive [twice-weekly updates in your inbox](#).

## **Missions Prayer Requests For April**

*The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.* (James 5:16b, ESV)

### **How to pray for missionaries**

1. Pray for open doors in countries and in individual hearts.

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison.* (Colossians 4:2-3, ESV)

2. Pray for boldness in effective words spoken without fear and against evil forces.

*[And pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... (Ephesians 6:19, ESV)*

3. Pray that God's Word will spread rapidly wherever it goes.

*Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. (2 Thessalonians 3:1, ESV)*

4. Pray for protection from those who resist the Word.

*[pray] that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. (2 Thessalonians 3:2, ESV)*

### **Our Missionaries**

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Gary and Anita Chambers

Debbie Richards

Brain and Missy Howard Sara Driggers

Roger and Laura Dye

*Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty. - E.M. Bounds*