

# 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

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>
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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>	S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., <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>
Jane Harshaw, <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

Peter and Diane Bakelaar ( <i>MTW-Japan</i> )	Brian Howard ( <i>RUF1-Clemson Univ.</i> )
Garry and Anita Chambers ( <i>MTW-Caribbean</i> )	Marty and Sara Driggers ( <i>Wycliffe</i> )
Roger and Laura Dye ( <i>Family Life Global-Latin America</i> )	Michael and Tricia Lee ( <i>MTW-Panama</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

Michael Nance (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Laura Frame (2023)
Daniel Harshaw (2026)	Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2026)	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, March 5, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

\*Call to Worship

**Y**our steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light."

(Psalm 36:5-9, ESV)

\*Hymn 457 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Congregation

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 159 *O Savior, Precious Savior* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 18:1-3, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your**

**steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

**For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, ...and forgive all our sins.**

Adapted from Psalm 25 (ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 36 *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17

Sermon "Savior Servant" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 499 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* Congregation

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* Congregation

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able, please stand.

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## Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
<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 Meets, 6 pm
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Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in the Conference Room

### *World Missions Conference – Next Sunday*

Make your plans to attend Olivet's annual Missions Conference scheduled for next Sunday. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Wallace Tinsley. While most of our supported missionaries will not be able to join us this year, we are looking forward to having Sara Driggers (*Wycliff Bible Translators*) to join us in person. We'll also have reports via video from some of our other missionaries. It's going to be a great day. Here's the schedule that's planned:

- 9:00 am**            **Joint Sunday School Classes**
- *Teens through Adults* with Sara Driggers – in the Sanctuary
  - *Children* with Thomas Hardison – in the Conference Room
- 10:00 am**            **Morning Worship, 10:00 am**
- 11:30 am**            **Fellowship Luncheon**
- *Everyone's invited.*
  - *Barbecue Lunch (from Gardiner's Barbecue) is provided.*
- 6:00 pm**            **Evening Worship Service**  
**Dessert Social (following worship)**

### *Desserts Please*

The Missions Committee is asking the congregation to provide **desserts** for our Missions Conference **luncheon and evening dessert social** next Sunday.

### *Faith Promise for World Missions 2022*

All of Olivet's financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Since 1999, the Lord has been pleased to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in missionary support through the Olivet Church family and Faith Promise giving.

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

Please prayerfully consider making a **new Faith Promise Commitment for 2023** using the enclosed card. Cards may be submitted through the offering plate and will be received through the month of April.

### *Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars!)*

March 25            Olivet hosts the **Spring Gathering of Fellowship Presbytery PresWIC**. See note below.

- March 26**            **Baby Shower for Megan Covington, 2-4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall**
- April 9              Easter Services
- June 4-8            Vacation Bible School at Olivet
- June 12-16        50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

### *Women in the Church Spring Gathering- March 25, 2023*

Olivet is scheduled to host Fellowship Presbytery Women in the Church's Spring Gathering coming up on Saturday, March 25. We'd love for many of our ladies to attend. Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Registration forms with the \$15 registration fee (cash or check) are due today (Turn in to Sandra Currence or Marsha Plyler).

### *Collection Duty*

- March              Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle
- April                John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

### *Nursery Team*

- Today (3/5)        Gwen Carlisle, Jane Harshaw
- Next Sunday (3/12)    Bryce Laws, Megan Covington

### *Children's Church Team*

- Today (3/5)        Scharlie Carlisle (T), Roy Clinton
- Next Sunday (3/12)    Susan Petty (T), Rick Summerville

### *Church Budget Matters*

- Budget requirements to date                      \$ 31,112.08
- Receipts to date                                        \$ 38,261.41

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

- 2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:    \$ 21,778.00
- 2022 Faith Promise received to date:            \$ 21,760.00

### *Devotional Helps*

Copies of the latest editions of *Tabletalk Magazine* and *Our Daily Bread* are available for your taking in the vestibule. There you'll also find copies of the latest edition of the PCA's *ByFaith* magazine. Please help yourself to these free resources to help you grow in grace.

### *Flowers*

The Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of David and Elizabeth Frame.