

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

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The Women in the Church

Laura Frame, <i>President</i>	Rebecca Howell, <i>Treasurer</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
Jane Harshaw, <i>Historian</i>	Marsha Plyler, <i>Pastor's Aide</i>	Donna McArthur, <i>Missions</i>
Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</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</i>)	Michael and Tricia Lee (<i>MTW-Panama</i>)
Debbie Richards (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	

Ministry Committees, 2021

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2021	Daniel Harshaw, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	Brian Carlisle
Class of 2022	Bryce Laws	Megan Covington
Class of 2023	Chris Arnold (2024)	Brenda Nance
Advisory Member	John Franklin	

Missions Committee

Class of 2021	*Rick Summerville, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	Ellen Walyus
Class of 2022	Dennis Krueger	Donna McArthur
Class of 2023	Bobby Mendenhall (2024)	Susan Petty

Witness Committee

Class of 2021	*Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	Ann Hawley
Class of 2022	David Currence	Brent Christenberry
Class of 2023	Michael Nance (2024)	Laura Frame



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, August 22, 2021

(Adapted from Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 16-18, ESV)

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

(Psalm 105:1-3, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 78 *O Bless the Lord My Soul* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor John Franklin

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

(James 2:8-10, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Responsive 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,

for we are lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of our hearts are enlarged;

bring us out of our distresses.

Consider our affliction and our trouble,

and forgive all our sins.

Words of Assurance

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

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

Children's Message Pastor Franklin

Children, ages 3 to 5, dismissed to Children's Church

Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7

Sermon "The Leadership of the Church" (Part 4) Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 585 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* Congregation

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

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and visitors who join us for this morning's service of worship. Thank you for coming. May God richly bless you as you worship Him with us.

Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study). Join us!
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
4:30 pm	Shepherding Study (Elders)
6:00 pm	Family Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday *McConnells Area Bookfest* at the McConnells Community Center. 6-8 pm. The Olivet Youth Group will be participating in the program by reading Bible Stories to the children.

Revival Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room, 7 pm.

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

August 29 Missions Trip Report – at Zion PCA, 6:00 pm. Refreshments to follow.

September 5 Session Meeting, 5:00 pm

September 23 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Trinity PCA, Van Wyck

October 3 Homecoming with guest preacher, Rev. Erik Smith

October 16 2021 WIC Fall Gathering at Westminster PCA. The guest speaker is Karen Hodge who serves as the Coordinator for the PCA's CDM Women's Ministry

November 19-21 Fall Youth Retreat at Ridgehaven

Deacon Nominations

The Session has announced that during the month of September it will be accepting nominations from the congregation for the biblical office of Deacon. Nomination forms will be made available at that time. It is anticipated that after the September nomination period, and after time for training and examination the deacon nominees, a congregational meeting to elect new deacons will be held, and with ordination and installation of those elected later this year.

The PCA's *Book of Church Order* defines the biblical office of deacon as follows:

9-1. The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.

9-2. It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation.

In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

9-3. To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.

The congregation is urged prayerfully to consider the qualifications for the office of deacon as defined here and especially in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 before submitting nominations.

Greeters

August Roy & Matt Clinton
September Malcolm and Susan Harshaw

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 140,944.98
Receipts to date	\$ 144,678.23

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 7,061.00

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.

Small Group Opportunity

Brian and Scharlie Carlisle will be hosting a weekly home Bible study starting in September, on Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm. The plan is to study the parables from the Gospel of Luke. All are invited.

Operation Christmas Child

Olivet will once again be participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Contributions of items for the shoeboxes may be placed in the Ladies' Sunday School room. See Kathy Fairfax for details.