

# 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 21, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship  
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur  
\*Call to Worship

**O**h give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

(Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9, ESV)

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

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* All

The Sacrament of Baptism Selah Lorraine Simpson

Scripture Meditation

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 3:19-24, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Mr. Austin Simpson

\*Hymn 521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* All

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon "Members of God's Household" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 345 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* 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.

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## Today at Olivet

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Morning Worship Service

5:00 pm Choir Practice

6:00 pm **Sunday Night Special:** Children's Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study followed by a fellowship supper (Low-country boil).

## This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group, 6 pm

Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

**Saturday Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Olivet, 9 am**

## Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

May 11 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 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*

Olivet's financial support of international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider making a new Faith Promise Commitment for the year 2024 using the enclosed card. You can submit the cards through the offering plate through April 30th.

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise <i>received</i> to date:	\$ 23,348.50
2024 (New) Faith Promise <i>pledges</i> to date:	<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>

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

### *Vacation Bible School 2024 – Please Register*

Olivet is again hosting Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church, scheduled for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. with classes for children and teens 3 years old through Grade 12. Please register on the church website at [www.olivetpca.org](http://www.olivetpca.org).

### *Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date	\$ 65,403.26
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 67,792.89
Difference	(\$2,389.54)

### *Collection Duty*

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

### *Nursery Team*

Today (4/21)	Donna McArthur, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (4/28)	Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (4/21)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (4/28)	Barb Lawson (T), Roy 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 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)

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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 that must be performed,  
but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always  
revealing some new beauty. - E.M. Bounds*