

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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>
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Richard B. Summerville, Jr.	William Lee Summerville, Jr., <i>Clerk</i>	

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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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in America



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The Lord's Day, December 17, 2023

Your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Alcuin of York

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

And the angel said to them,

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

(Luke 2:10-14, ESV)

*Hymn 214 *Angels We Have Heard on High* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 214 *What Child Is This?* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

(John 3:19-20, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin All

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our Support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by Your infinite mercy to

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Musical Offering *Gesú Bambino* Mr. Don Johnson

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:1-17

Sermon "Jesus the Christ" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 197 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* 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

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

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Morning Worship

2:45 pm **Christmas Caroling**

We'll be going out in groups to sing for some of our shut-ins. Everyone's invited.

5:30 pm **Christmas Pageant**

A time of fellowship and food will follow. Please bring something to share.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

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