

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

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>
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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, 2022

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2022), <i>Chairman</i>	Megan Covington (2022)
Bryce Laws (2022)	Brenda Nance (2023)
Chris Arnold (2024)	Jill Christenberry (2024)

Missions Committee

Rick Summerville (2022), <i>Chairman</i>	Dennis Krueger (2022)
Donna McArthur (2022)	Susan Petty (2023)
Bobby Mendenhall (2024)	Brian Carlisle (2024)

Witness Committee

Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	David Currence (2022)
Brent Christenberry (2022)	Laura Frame (2023)
Michael Nance (2024)	Katie Summerville (2024)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, December 18, 2022

Prelude Preparation for Worship

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14, ESV)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*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)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of

heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:17-20, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 199 *See, amid the Winter's Snow* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading John 11:28-44

Sermon "The Resurrection and the Life"-Part 3 Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 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

*Those that are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
11:00 am **Congregational Meeting (See note)**
3:30 pm **Christmas Caroling to our Shut-ins**
5:30 pm **Christmas Pageant**

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in the Conference Room

Saturday Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday Christmas Day Worship Service, 10 am
January 1 New Year's Day – Morning Worship, 10 am
January 8 Communion Service, 10 am

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for this morning, December 18, immediately following the Morning Worship service for the purpose of presenting the 2023 Church Budget and to vote on a recommended change to the terms of the Pastor's call (compensation). See insert.

Christmas Pageant Tonight

Join us this evening at 6 pm for Olivet's annual Christmas Pageant. This evening's program features Olivet's youth and children's groups and will include Christmas readings, hymns, and carols. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow -- bring "finger foods" to share. Don't miss it!

And...Christmas Caroling

Before tonight's pageant, we would also like to bless folks from our church who are not often able to attend by adding caroling! **Please come at 3:30 pm (3:15 if you are bringing a child who would like to wear his/her pageant costume to go caroling).**

Any children not participating in the caroling need to be at the church at 5:00 pm to get into costume.

Christmas Gift Offering

During the program this evening, a special offering will be taken for the PCA's *Geneva Fund* (formerly known as *PCA Ministerial Relief*), a ministry of encouragement and financial assistance for needy retired and active PCA pastors, widows, and ministry staff. See insert for more details of this important ministry.

We're Invited

Everyone's invited to the Carlises *next* Sunday evening (Christmas Day) for a meal and fellowship starting at 6 pm. Turkey and fixings is on the menu. Please let

them know if you are planning to come and what you are bringing. The Carlisle live at 170 Hawley Road, McConnells. You can reach them at 803-322-4297.

Collection Duty

December John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
January Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

Nursery Team

Today (12/11) Laura Frame, Abbey Sikes
Next Sunday (12/18) Bryce Laws, Jane Harshaw

Children's Church Team

Today (12/11) Michael Laws (T), Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (12/18) Brenda Nance (T), Rick Summerville

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date (Adjusted)	\$201,610.01
Receipts to date	\$210,605.44

Faith Promise for World Missions

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 16,536.00

Offering Envelopes

Be sure to pick up and use your 2023 Offering Envelopes which are now available in the vestibule. Using the envelopes helps our Treasurer, Malcolm Harshaw, with his record-keeping. If you don't find your name among the boxes, please let Malcolm know so he can get you one.

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.