

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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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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>	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>
Ina Ruth Johnson, <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>)	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

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



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in America



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The Lord's Day, April 23, 2023

(Psalm 5:1-7, ESV)

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

Oh 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!

(Psalm 107:1-3, 15, ESV)

*Hymn 4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

(Adapted from Psalm 5)

*Hymn 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Congregation

Scripture Mediation

Pastor Chip McArthur

Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.

Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Responsive Reading

All: Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy.

Minister: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; You abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

All: But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful bloodthirsty.

Minister: By Your mercy alone, by the abundance of Your steadfast love may we enter Your house.

All: Because of Your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in You. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with our favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 313

Unto My Lord Jehovah Said (Psalm 110)

Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1

Sermon

Mr. Simpson

*Hymn 689

Be Still My Soul

Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735

The Gloria Patri

Congregation

*Postlude

*Those that are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery) and Family Bible study.

This Week at Olivet

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

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars!)

Next Sunday	Olivet hosts Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Service, 6 pm
May 16	Active Shooter Training, 7 pm – See Deacon Lee Guempel for more information.
May 21	Communion Service
June 4-8	Vacation Bible School at Olivet (5:30 to 8:00 pm)

Please *pray* for the VBS ministry, especially for the children and their families. One other practical way you can support the VBS ministry is by *contributing* homemade cookies or brownies, and fruits such as such as watermelon or grapes). See Frankie Guempel for more information.

June 12-16	50 th General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN
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Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to Diane Ballard and the entire family in the death her husband, Jack Ballard, on Thursday afternoon. Arrangements for a memorial service have not been made at this time.

Children's Ministry Need

Additional volunteers are needed for Olivet's Nursery and Children's Church ministries. A Children's Ministry volunteer must be at least 16 years old, a communing member of the church, and approved for the ministry by the Session. *Children's Ministry Volunteer Forms* are available in the vestibule. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

Faith Promise for World Missions

Next Sunday is the last Sunday to make a new Faith Promise pledge for 2023. If you haven't done so already, please prayerfully consider doing so by next Sunday. Cards are available in the vestibule and may be submitted through the offering plate. They will be received through the month of April.

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 24,040.00
New 2023 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$18,150.00
Important:	All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2023, will go toward the 2022 Faith Promise.

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (4/23)	Megan Covington, Sandra Currence
Next Sunday (4/30)	Frankie Guempel, Donna McArthur

Children's Church Team

Today (4/23)	Susan Petty (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (4/30)	Lori Rohrer (T), Jill Christenberry

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 66,113.17
Receipts to date:	\$ 68,972.57

