

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*  
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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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Robert B. Mendenhall	John M. McArthur, Jr. <i>Moderator</i>	Jason M. Petty
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.	William Lee Summerville, Jr., <i>Clerk</i>	

## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows &amp; Shut-ins</i>	Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings &amp; 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>	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

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, July 30, 2023

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*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!  
(Psalm 107:1-3, 15, ESV)

\*Hymn 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Congregation

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation* Congregation

Scripture Meditation

The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD's throne is in heaven;  
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.  
The LORD tests the righteous,  
but his soul hates the wicked  
and the one who loves violence.  
For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;  
the upright shall behold his face.  
(Psalm 11:4-5, 7, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Prayer

**Holy Father; You see us as we are and know our  
inmost thoughts. We confess that we are  
unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that  
all life comes from You and that to You all life  
returns. We have not sought to do Your will**

**with our whole hearts. We have not lived as  
grateful children, nor loved as Christ loves us.**

**Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your  
grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy,  
forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us  
free from our sin and restore us to the joy of  
Your salvation now and evermore.**

Bobby Griffith, Jr.

Assurance of Pardon

Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon  
you.  
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.  
In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.

(Psalm 86:4-7, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 498 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading John 16:16-24

Sermon "From Sorrow to Joy" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Congregation

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* Congregation

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able, please stand.

Receipts to date: \$ 123,228.25

*Today at Olivet*

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor’s Study)  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Morning Worship Service  
 Choir Practice

6:00 pm **Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Service** at Trinity PCA in Chester. Pastor Al Ward of Zion PCA is scheduled to preach. Bring snacks/cookies etc. to share afterward. There’s also a rumor about some churns of homemade ice cream being available 😊.

*This Week at Olivet*

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

**Thursday Women in the Church Meeting at Sandra Currence’s, 7 pm. All Olivet ladies are encouraged to attend.**

**Friday-Sat. Grow Conference (live broadcast- Conference Room)**  
*Friday: 7:00-8:30 pm*  
*Saturday: 10:00-11:30 am*

*Looking Ahead*

August 12 WIC Ladies’ Breakfast, 8 am at Sweet Caroline’s Restaurant  
 October 1 Homecoming at Olivet – Guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Bryant

*Please Make a Note*

The church office number has been changed. It’s now **(803) 693-4040**.

*Sympathy*

Our sympathy is expressed to Don Johnson and his family following the death of his mother, Mrs. Betty Johnson, on Wednesday morning. A graveside funeral is planned for Thursday in Columbus, GA.

*Faith Promise for World Missions*

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023: \$ 19,340.00  
 2023 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 6,352.50

*Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to date \$ 116,670.30

*Collection Duty*

July Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson  
 August Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley

*Nursery Team*

Today (7/30) Abbey Sikes, Laura Frame  
 Next Sunday (8/6) Addisyn Sikes, Barbara Lawson

*Children’s Church Team*

Today (7/30) Michael Laws (T), Marsha Plyler  
 Next Sunday (8/6) Brenda Nance (T), Richard Sikes