

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold
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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*
James R. Clinton
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
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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
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The Lord's Day, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Prelude Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements Mr. Austin Simpson
*Call to Worship Responsive Reading

Leader: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!

Congregation: He has risen indeed!

Leader: The Lord has risen!

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Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Congregation: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Congregation: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: The Lord has risen!

All: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hughes, R. Kent. The Pastor's Book (p. 122).
Crossway. Kindle Edition.

*Hymn 277 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 310 *Rejoice the Lord is King* 310

Scripture Mediation Pastor Chip McArthur

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:6–8, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have often not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. In His name we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13–14, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Choral Offering *Thine Be the Glory* Olivet Choir

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon "Raised Up with Christ" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn (Insert) *In Christ Alone* 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 – Easter Sunday

7:00 am Sunrise Service
Fellowship Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Worship Service

No Sunday School or evening ministries today.

This Week at Olivet

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday Communion Service, 10 am

April 10 Wednesday Gathering with Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan), 7 pm

April 13 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 am (studying 1 Peter)

April 20 Youth Sports Day with Christ Ridge PCA

April 27 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Olivet, 9 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

All of Olivet's financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Please prayerfully consider making **a new Faith Promise Commitment for 2024** using the enclosed card. Cards may be submitted through the offering plate and will be received through the month of April.

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023: \$ 19,340.00

2023 Faith Promise *received* to date: \$ 20,478.50

2024 (New) Faith Promise *pledges* to date: **\$ 16,450.00**

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

Vacation Bible School 2024

Olivet will again be hosting as we hold our joint Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church planned this year for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Volunteers are needed for teaching, teacher's aides, food prep and clean-up (dinner from 5:30-6:00) etc. **Please contact Barbara Lawson if you'd like to help out.**

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date \$ 48,270.13

Budget requirements to Date \$ 54,234.24

Difference (\$5,964.11)

Collection Duty

March Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle
April John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Nursery Team

Today (3/31) Sandra Currence, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (4/7) Addisyn Sikes, Brice Laws

Children's Church Team

Today (3/31) Lorie Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (4/7) Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me

from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the
pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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