

# 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 &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>	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>	Sandra Currence, <i>Chair-Circle 1</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)



# Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina  
Organized 1842

A member congregation of  
*The Presbyterian Church in America*



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Annual Homecoming Sunday

The Lord's Day, October 2, 2022

## Prelude

## Preparation for Worship

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

(Zephaniah 3:17, ESV)

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chip McArthur

## \*Call to Worship

## Responsive Reading

*Leader:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

***Congregation:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

*Leader:* who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

***All:* who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

(Psalm 103:1-5, ESV)

## \*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Psalm 103)* Congregation

## Scripture Meditation

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the

LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

(Psalm 103:8-18, ESV)

## Pastoral Prayer

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

## \*Doxology

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mr. Austin Simpson

## Choral Offering

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Olivet Choir

## Children's Message

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

## Scripture Reading

John 9:13-41

## Sermon

"A Tale of Two Cities"

Rev. Gil Martin

## \*Hymn 251

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Congregation

## \*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## \*Hymn 646

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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.

## Welcome

We extend a warm Olivet welcome to all our friends, family, former members, and visitors who've come to join us for Homecoming today and to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to this congregation. Please be sure to register your presence at the tables set up for that purpose. And may God bless as you worship with us.

## Today at Olivet (Homecoming)

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Annual Cemetery Association Meeting
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
12:00 pm	Dinner on the Grounds (Covered Dish)
4:00 pm	Session Meeting

*Please notice: Sunday evening Bible Study and Children's Groups will not be held this evening*

## Our Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher for this morning is the Rev. Gil Martin, Pastor of Sharon Associate Reformed Church in Sharon, SC where he has served since 2012. Born and raised in Columbia, Gil is a graduate of the University of South Carolina (BA), of Reformed Theological Seminary-Charlotte (MDiv), and is currently completing work on a Doctor of Ministry degree from RTS. With him today is his wife, Betty. Please welcome the Gil and Betty today.

## The Flowers

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, in celebration of Olivet's Homecoming, and in honor of Agnes Louise Aycock Love by Kirby Ashe and family

## In Memoriam

Eulla Mae Perryman Summerville

Died October 27, 2021

Peggy Carroll Harshaw

Died July 3, 2022

Kenneth Wayne Bass

Died July 21, 2022

George Clarence Covington, Jr.

Died September 11, 2022

## This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meets (Fellowship Hall)
	Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)

## Looking Ahead

October 15	WIC Fall Gathering at Filbert PCA, York, 9:00 am-12:15 pm (see note below)
November 18-20	Fall Youth Retreat at Ridge Haven Conference Center

## Operation Christmas Child

This fall Olivet will once again be participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Contributions of items for the shoeboxes may be placed in the Ladies' Sunday School room. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

## 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.

## Collection Duty

October	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton
November	Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

## Nursery Team

Today (10/2)	Bryce Laws, Jane Harshaw
Next Sunday (10/9)	Gwen Carlisle, Megan Covington

## Children's Church Team

Today (10/2)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Jill Summerville
Next Sunday (10/9)	Brenda Nance (T), Toni Clinton

## Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$171,772.38
Receipts to date	\$ 168,264.00

## Faith Promise for World Missions

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 11,742.00

