

# 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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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>	Lorie Rohrer, <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  
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The Lord's Day, December 3, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

\*Call to Worship

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every  
valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

(Isaiah 40:3–5, ESV)

\*Hymn 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!* All

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed  
are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'  
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for  
so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(Matthew 5:3–12, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 358 *For All the Saints* All

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

Scripture Reading John 21:15-19

Sermon “Restored to Serve” Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 565 *All for Jesus!* 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

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Morning Worship

4:00 pm Session Meeting

5:00 pm Choir Practice

*Please Notice: No Sunday Evening Ministries this Evening*

## This Week at Olivet

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

## Looking Ahead

Next Sunday Christmas Pageant Practice, 6 pm

December 17 Christmas Caroling, 2:45 pm

Annual Christmas Pageant, 5:30 pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

January 7                      Communion Service  
January 28                      Fellowship Presbytery Meets, Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:      \$ 19,340.00  
2023 Faith Promise received to date:              \$ 14,602.50

### *Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to date                      \$ 186,672.48  
Receipts to date:                                      \$ 189,073.40

### *Collection Duty*

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

### *Nursery Team*

Today (12/3)                      Megan Covington, Bryce Laws  
Next Sunday (12/10)          Abbey Sikes, Laura Frame

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (12/3)                      Susan Petty (T), Marsha Plyler  
Next Sunday (12/10)          Brenda Nance (T), Richard Sikes

### *Devotional Guides*

The latest editions of Our Daily Bread and Tabletalk, as well as the PCA's ByFaith Magazine are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

## **Missions Prayer Requests For December**

*Pray that God may open a door to us for the Word.*

-- Colossians 4:3

**Debbie Richards**-Continue to pray for Debbie to be able to help her parents and make decisions about their health care. Pray that she will be able to make contact with her supporters while in the states..

**Sara Driggers**- Pray for Marty to successfully complete Law Enforcement academy, for Jade to grow in the Lord, for Sara as she has an increased workload, and for 3 clients who are expecting babies.

**Peter & Diane Bakelaar**-Pray for Peter and Diane to raise the support needed for their ministry. They plan to return to Japan in March.

**Brian & Missy Howard**-Pray for their weekly large group meetings on Tuesdays that they would be able to establish meaningful contacts with students

**Garry and Anita Chambers**-Pray that God would raise up students with a desire to reach children, youth and young adults. Be praying for A leadership consultation on Nov. 10 and for an additional \$800/month in support.

**Roger and Laura Dye**-Pray for Roger who will be responsible for unexpected duties. for 3 team members on Sabbaticals. Pray for strength and time management as he faces this busy time.