

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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The Diaconate

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Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
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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>)	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, 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)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, March 12, 2023

World Missions Conference

Morning Worship Service

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100, ESV)

*Hymn 1 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 170 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Congregation

Scripture Meditation

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD,
that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God,

for he will abundantly pardon.

(Isaiah 55:6-7, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

**Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin!**

**For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**

(Adapted from Psalm 51:1-4, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Missionary Report

Mrs. Sara Driggers
Wycliffe Bible Translators

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mr. Austin Simpson

Choral Offering

O God, My Faithful God

Choir

Children's Message

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

Mr. Simpson

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37

Sermon

"Ezekiel Excitement"

Rev. Wallace Tinsley

*Hymn 173

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735

The Gloria Patri

Congregation

*Postlude

*Those that are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet – Missions Conference

- 8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study)
- 9:00 am Joint Sunday School Classes**
- *Teens through Adults* with Sara Driggers – in the Sanctuary
 - *Children* with Thomas Hardison – in the Conference Room
- 10:00 am Morning Worship, 10:00 am**
- 11:30 am Fellowship Luncheon**
- *Everyone's invited.*
 - *Barbecue Lunch (from Gardner's Barbecue) is provided.*
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service**
Dessert Social (following worship)

Our Guest Preacher

We welcome back to the Olivet pulpit our friend the **Rev. H. Wallace Tinsley, Jr.** Wallace was raised in a Christian home in Chester, SC. He is married to the former Ruth Robeson, also of Chester. They have four children, and fifteen grandchildren.

A graduate of Davidson College, Wallace received Master of Divinity (MDiv) and Master of Theology (ThM) degrees from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He was ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PCA with a pastoral call to Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville where he served first as an Assistant Pastor and then as an Associate Pastor. In 1981 Wallace accepted the call of Filbert PCA in York where he served as Pastor until 2022. Although now officially “retired,” Wallace continues to be active serving Christ and his Church as a much-respected and valued Teaching Elder of Fellowship Presbytery and the PCA.

Our Missionaries

Roger and Laura Dye served for sixteen years as missionaries in Chile with Mission to the World, and since 2013, with FamilyLife Global where Roger serves as the Assistant to the Director for Latin America, working to equip pastors and leaders to strengthen marriages and families throughout the continent. FamilyLife is a ministry of Cru (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ). The Dyes have four grown children: Deanna, Isaac, Hudson, and Suzy, daughter and three grandsons. They currently reside in Winnsboro, SC, ministering throughout Latin America as well as the Hispanic communities of NC, SC, GA, and TN.

Debbie Richards has served the Lord with Mission to the World as a in Chiba, Japan now for over 25 years. From Greenwood, SC, she went to Japan first as a short-term missionary with the MTW-IMPACT program and ministered for three years through its church planting team in Chiba. Debbie returned to Chiba in 2001 as a

long-term missionary with MTW team where her continuing ministry includes teaching English classes and serving as pianist for two of the church plants.

Brian Howard is the campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship-International at Clemson University. A veteran pastor and church planter in the PCA, he and his wife Missy have four children, Caleb, Connor, Joe, and Jady.

Marty and Sara Driggers joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in 2010 and served in Papua New Guinea from 2012 to 2019. They currently reside in Lynchburg, VA where Sara serves as a partnership development coach, advising and encouraging new and established Wycliffe missionaries as they seek prayer and financial partners. Wycliffe Bible Translators, which was founded in 1942, continues to strive to the goal of making the Bible available to all people in a language and form they clearly understand. The Driggers have four grown daughters, Taylor, Tia, Miriam, and Jade, and a son-in-law, Andrew (married to Miriam).

Michael and Tricia Lee have served the Lord with Mission to the World in Mexico and Panama for the past 16 years. Effective the end of this month the Lees will be leaving *Mission to the World* to accept a call to plant a new PCA church in Indian Land, SC. Michael is a PCA Teaching Elder and a long-term member of Fellowship Presbytery. The Lees have recently moved to the Indian Land and are beginning the new work there even as they finish up with MTW. Please hold Michael and Tricia in your prayers as they begin this new work.

Peter and Diane Bakelaar have served in Japan since 1990. Peter's responsibilities include evangelistic Bible studies, discipleship, and communication of the gospel in Japanese through special events and messages. Diane serves in many aspects of the team's ministry including hospitality in the home. The Bakelaars are committed to knowing Christ and making Him known among the Japanese. Thank you for praying that they will faithfully fulfill the vision of the Nagoya Church Planting Team, which is training Japanese to reach Japan and the world for Christ.

Faith Promise for World Missions 2023

All of Olivet's financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Since 1999, the Lord has been pleased to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in missionary support through the Olivet Church family and Faith Promise giving.

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

Please prayerfully consider making a **new Faith Promise Commitment for 2023** using the enclosed card. Cards may be submitted through the offering plate and will be received through the month of April.

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!)

March 25 Olivet hosts the **Spring Gathering of Fellowship Presbytery PresWIC**. See note below.
March 26 Baby Shower for Megan Covington, 2-4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall
April 8 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am to noon. Egg Hunt, Cookies, and the *REAL* Easter Story
April 9 Easter Services
June 4-8 Vacation Bible School at Olivet
June 12-16 50th General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

Women in the Church Spring Gathering- March 25, 2023

Olivet is scheduled to host Fellowship Presbytery Women in the Church’s Spring Gathering coming up on Saturday, March 25. We’d love for many of our ladies to attend. Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Registration forms with the \$15 registration fee (cash or check) are due today (Turn in to Sandra Currence or Marsha Plyler).

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (3/12) Bryce Laws, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (3/19) Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel

Children’s Church Team

Today (3/12) Susan Petty (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (3/19) Lori Rohrer (T), Jill Summerville

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 38,890.10
Receipts to date \$ 44,069.40

Faith Promise for World Missions (2022)

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022: \$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 22,310.00

Evening Worship Service

*Call to Worship Mr. Austin Simpson

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.
Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the top of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the LORD,
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

(Isaiah 42:10–12, ESV)

*Hymn 16 *Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* Congregation

*Invocation

*Hymn 441 *Jesus Shall Reign!* Congregation

Missionary Reports

Evening Prayer Pastor Chip McArthur

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 47

Sermon Rev. Wallace Tinsley

Hymn 437 *O God, to Us Show Mercy (Psalm 67)* Congregation

*Benediction

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!”

(Psalm 67:1–5, ESV)

Sermon Outline

“Ezekiel Excitement” (Ezekiel 37)

Rev. Wallace Tinsley

Memory Verse:

“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.
And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a
heart of flesh.”

(Ezekiel 36:26, ESV)

I. The Curse of _____.

II. The Word of _____.

III. The Spirit of _____.

IV. The Blessed Life of the _____.

“You will be _____, and I will be
_____,” (37:23) _____,
_____, and _____.