

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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John M. "Chip" McArthur, Jr., *Pastor*  
Austin R. Simpson, *Ministerial Intern*  
Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*  
Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
Jeffery E. Fairfax, <i>Emeritus</i>	Daniel H. Harshaw	James M. Hawley, <i>Emeritus</i>
Robert B. Mendenhall	John M. McArthur, Jr. <i>Moderator</i>	Michael A. Nance, <i>WIC Liaison</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>	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>		

## 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)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
The Presbyterian Church in America



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The Lord's Day, February 18, 2023

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
—and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
—who heals all your diseases,  
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.

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 103:1-5, 15-18, ESV)

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 6 — *O Come My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord (Psalm 103)* 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, 11, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

**~~Father most gracious, do not rebuke us in your anger,  
or chasten us in your wrath. Be merciful to us! Heal us  
from our sin. Have mercy on us and deliver us, for the  
sake of your Son, who died for us, to set us free.~~**

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 302 — *Come, Christians Join to Sing* — Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

John 12:36-43

Sermon

— "Hard Hearts" —

Mr. Simpson

\*Hymn 497 — *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*

Congregation

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735

*The Gloria Patri*

Congregation

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able, please stand.

*Today at Olivet*

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study)  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Morning Worship Service  
5:00 pm Choir Practice

**6:00 pm**     ***Sunday Night Special: Children’s Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study followed by fellowship meal.***

### *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!)*

**February 26**     **Communion Service, 10 am**  
**March 4**     **Bridal Shower for Alyssa Kelley, 2-4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall**  
**March 12**     **Annual Missions Conference** with guest preacher, Wallace Tinsley. Mark your calendars and plan to participate.  
March 25     Olivet hosts the **Spring Gathering of Fellowship Presbytery PresWIC**. All ladies are invited and urged to participate.  
**March 26**     **Baby Shower for Megan Covington, 2-4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall**  
April 9     Easter Services  
June 4-8     Vacation Bible School at Olivet  
June 12-16     50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

### *Collection Duty*

February     Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton  
March     Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

### *Nursery Team*

Today (2/19)     Addisyn Sikes, Debbie Summerville  
Next Sunday (2/26)     Laura Frame; Abbey Sikes

### *Children’s Church Team*

Today (2/19)     Michael Laws (T); Richard Sikes  
Next Sunday (2/26)     Brenda Nance(T); Toni Clinton

### *Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to date     \$ 27,223.07  
Receipts to date     \$ 30,708.91

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:     \$ 21,778.00  
2022 Faith Promise received to date:     \$ 20,955.00

### *Inquirers’ Class*

An *Inquirers’ Class* for any who may be interested in becoming members at Olivet is being organized and planned to be held during Sunday School for four weeks. It will be led by Pastor Chip and is set to begin next Sunday, February 26. Please let him know if you are interested in participating. His mobile number is (803) 417-1865.

### *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.