

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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>
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Robert B. Mendenhall	John M. McArthur, Jr. <i>Moderator</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>		

## 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>Circle Chair</i>		

## Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar ( <i>MTW-Japan</i> )	Brian Howard ( <i>RUFJ-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, 2024

### Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Donna McArthur (2025)
Jill Christenberry (2024)	Kathy Fairfax (2025)
Rick Summerville (2026)	

### Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Thomas Hardison (2025)
Brian Carlisle (2024)	Lorie Rohrer (2025)
Jason Petty (2026)	Dennis Krueger (2026)

### Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), <i>Chairman</i>	Austin Simpson (2028)
Katie Summerville (2024)	Marsha Plyler (2026)
Scharlie Carlisle (2026)	



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
*The Presbyterian Church in America*



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The Lord's Day, January 21, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Mr. Austin Simpson

**O**h give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
(1 Chronicles 16:8-10, ESV)

\*Hymn 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 36 *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

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, 7, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Remember not the sins of our youth or our  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember us,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!  
For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt,  
for it is great.**

**Turn to us and be gracious to us,  
for we are lonely and afflicted.  
The troubles of our heart are enlarged;  
bring us out of our distresses.  
Consider our affliction and our trouble,  
and forgive all our sins.**

(adapted from Psalm 25:6,7,11, 16-18, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 78 *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-6

Sermon "Before the Foundation of the World" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 461 *Not What My Hands Have Done* 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 **Missions Committee Meets**

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 Supper. Join us!

### *This Week at Olivet*

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

Saturday      Fellowship Presbytery meets a Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill

### *Looking Ahead*

February 10      Saturday Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 am. All ladies welcome.

February 25      Communion Service at Olivet

March 17      Annual Missions Conference with Rev. Chuck McArthur, guest preacher.

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

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

2023 Faith Promise received to date:      \$ 16,522.50

### *Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to Date      \$ 4,518.60

Receipts to Date      \$ 3,520.00

Difference      (\$1,849.79)

### *Collection Duty*

January      Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

February      Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton

### *Nursery Team*

Today (1/21)      Addisyn Sikes, Bryce Laws

Next Sunday (1/28)      Abbey Sikes, Gwen Carlisle

### *Children’s Church Team*

Today (1/21)      Amanda Lenker (T), Richard Sikes

Next Sunday (1/28)      Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton

### *Important Note About SC Presidential Primaries in February*

We have received notice from the *York County Board of Registrations & Elections* that Olivet will NOT be the voting location for the McConnells Precinct for the SC Presidential Primary voting scheduled for next month. McConnells Precinct voters instead may cast their ballots at the *York County Fire Training Center* located at 2500 McFarland Road in York.

This change is ONLY for the *February* Presidential Primaries. The rest of the 2024 scheduled voting for the McConnells Precinct is to remain at Olivet.

The *Democratic Primary* is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2024, and the *Republican Primary* is scheduled for February 24, 2024.

### *Missions Prayer Requests For January*

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 wisdom to advise a client who needs to reach goals in order to serve in Asia. Pray for Marty as he begins field training at the sheriff’s office.

**Peter & Diane Bakelaar**-Pray for Peter and Diane to raise the support they need and as they travel this month.

**Brian & Missy Howard**-Pray for their weekly large group meetings on Tuesdays, for Coffee with Anna discipling on Fridays, for volunteers as they help internationals learn life skills live in the States.

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

**Roger and Laura Dye**-Pray that souls would be saved and families would be strengthened through their ministry.

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*The wonderful thing about prayer is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God’s realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible.*

*-Corrie Ten Boom*

