

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold  
Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*  
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*  
Michael A. Nance, *WIC Liaison*  
William Lee Summerville, Jr., *Clerk*

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*  
E. John Franklin, *Assoc. Pastor*  
Robert B. Mendenhall  
Jason M. Petty

David R. Currence, *Emeritus*  
Daniel H. Harshaw  
John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*  
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

## The Diaconate

James R. Clinton  
John F. Hawley  
Larry M. Plyler, *Chairman*

S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., *Emeritus*  
Don L. Johnson

Malcolm Harshaw, *Treasurer*  
David W. Kelley

## The Women in the Church

Laura Frame, *President*  
Jane Harshaw, *Historian*  
Frankie Guempel, *Chair-Circle 2*

Rebecca Howell, *Treasurer*  
Marsha Plyler, *Pastor's Aide*

Susan Petty, *Secretary*  
Donna McArthur, *Missions*  
Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*

## Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)  
Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)  
Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global*)  
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Brian Howard (*RUF1-Clemson Univ.*)  
Marty and Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)  
Michael and Tricia Lee (*MTW-Panama*)

## Ministry Committees, 2021

### Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2021  
Class of 2022  
Class of 2023  
Advisory Member

Daniel Harshaw, *Chairman* (2022)  
Bryce Laws  
Chris Arnold (2024)  
John Franklin

Brian Carlisle  
Megan Covington  
Brenda Nance

### Missions Committee

Class of 2021  
Class of 2022  
Class of 2023

\*Rick Summerville, *Chairman* (2022)  
Dennis Krueger  
Bobby Mendenhall (2024)

Ellen Walyus  
Donna McArthur  
Susan Petty

### Witness Committee

Class of 2021  
Class of 2022  
Class of 2023

\*Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2022)  
David Currence  
Michael Nance (2024)

Ann Hawley  
Brent Christenberry  
Laura Frame



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The Lord's Day, September 19, 2021

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Preparation for Worship

The Spirit says, "Come." And let the one who hears say,  
"Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one  
who desires take the water of life without price.

(Revelation 22:17, ESV)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Franklin

\*Call to Worship

Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!  
Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 113:1-3, ESV)

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Matthew 6:9-13, KJV)

\*Hymn 441 *Jesus Shall Reign* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Franklin

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted  
by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he  
himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when  
he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire  
when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is  
fully grown brings forth death.

(James 1:13-15, ESV)

Confession of Sin (See Insert) *Psalm 130* Congregation

Assurance of Pardon

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall  
tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or  
nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we  
are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For  
I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor  
rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor  
powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all  
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:35-38, ESV)

Confession of Faith Congregation

**Jesus is Lord.**

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Hymn 111 *This is My Father's World* Congregation

Children's Message Pastor Franklin

*Children, ages 3 to 5, dismissed to Children's Church*

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-23

Sermon "Christ Above All!" Pastor Franklin

\*Hymn (See Insert) *In Christ Alone* Congregation

\*Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all.

(1 Corinthians 13:14, ESV)

\*Offering of Praise *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

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## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and visitors who join us for this morning's service of worship. Thank you for coming. May God richly bless you as you worship Him with us.

## Flowers

The flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning in loving memory of Israel Plyler.

## Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study). Join us!
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm	Family Bible Study

## This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group, 6 pm. Revival Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room, 7 pm.
Thursday	Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Trinity PCA, Van Wyck Small Group Bible Study- Hosted by Brian and Scharlie Carlisle, 6:30-8:00 pm.

## Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

October 3	Homecoming with guest preacher, Rev. Erik Smith
October 16	2021 WIC Fall Gathering at Westminster PCA. The guest speaker is Karen Hodge who serves as the Coordinator for the PCA's CDM Women's Ministry
November 19-21	Fall Youth Retreat at Ridgehaven

## Greeters

September	Malcolm and Susan Harshaw
October	Jimmy and Ann Hawley

## Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 158,029.22
Receipts to date	\$ 164,280.13

## Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 8,611.00

## Nursery Team

Today (9/19)	Jane Harshaw, Frankie Guempal
Next Sunday (9/26)	Debbie Summerville, Laura Frame

## Children's Church Team

Today (9/19)	Brenda Nance, Ina Ruth Johnson, Marsha Plyler
Next Sunday (9/26)	Lee Summerville, Amanda Lenker, Rick Summerville

## Operation Christmas Child

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.

## Deacon Nominations

Nominations from the congregation for the biblical office of deacon are open through the month of September. Nomination forms are available in the vestibule.

The PCA's *Book of Church Order* defines the biblical office of deacon as follows:

- 9-1. The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.
- 9-2. It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation. In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.
- 9-3. To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.

The congregation is urged prayerfully to consider the qualifications for the office of deacon as defined here and especially in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 before submitting nominations.

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## Psalm 130

*Tune: Alas! and Did my Savior Bleed*

1. Lord, from the depths to Thee  
I cried.  
My Lord, give ear to me.  
O hear my voice and hearken to  
My supplicating plea.

2. Lord, who shall stand if Thou,  
My Lord,  
Shouldst mark iniquity?  
But yet with Thee forgiveness is,  
That men may rev'rence thee.

3. I wait, my soul awaits the LORD:  
My Hope is in His word.  
More than the watchmen wait  
For morn  
My soul waits for my Lord.

4. O Is-ra-el, hope in the LORD:  
The LORD saves graciously.  
And He shall Is-ra-el redeem  
From all iniquity