

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Ministerial Intern*  
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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> )	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), *Chairman*  
Jill Christenberry (2024)  
Rick Summerville (2026)

Brenda Nance (2023)  
Donna McArthur (2025)  
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

### Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*  
Brian Carlisle (2024)  
Jason Petty (2026)

Susan Petty (2023)  
Thomas Hardison (2025)  
Lori Rohrer (2025)

### Witness Committee

Michael Nance (2024), *Chairman*  
Daniel Harshaw (2026)  
Scharlie Carlisle (2026)

Laura Frame (2023)  
Katie Summerville (2024)  
Marsha Plyler (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, March 26, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

\*Call to Worship

**L**ord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

(Psalm 90:1-2, ESV)

\*Hymn 30 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Congregation

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 347 *The Church's One Foundation* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

(Psalm 23, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

**O Good Shepherd, seek me out, and bring me home to Thy fold again. Deal favorably with me according to Thy good pleasure, till I may dwell in Thy house all the days of my life, and praise Thee forever and ever with them that are there. Amen.**

Jerome (AD 342-420)

Assurance of Pardon

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

(Psalm 103:17, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 565 *All for Jesus!* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading John 13:14-30

Sermon "The Betrayer" (Part 1) Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* 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
2:00-4:00 pm	Baby Shower for Megan Covington, in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery) and Family Bible study.

## This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in the Conference Room
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## Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars!)

<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Communion Service, 10:30 am</b>
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am to noon. Egg Hunt, Cookies, and the REAL Easter Story
April 9	Easter Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sunrise Service, 7 am. Breakfast provided by Olivet's Men of the Covenant will follow.</li><li>Morning Worship, 10 am</li></ul> (No Sunday School or evening ministries on Easter)
April 15	Spring Banquet honoring our Senior Citizens, 12 pm.
April 30	Olivet hosts Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Service, 6 pm
June 4-8	Vacation Bible School at Olivet
June 12-16	50 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

## Vacation Bible School 2023

Plans are in the works for this year's **Vacation Bible School** now scheduled for **June 4-8 at Olivet**. Once again, we'll be joining forces with McConnells First Baptist Church for this annual summer ministry to the community. An **organizational meeting for all VBS volunteers** is planned for Sunday afternoon, **April 16, at 4 pm**. Please mark your calendars. See Frankie Guempel for details.

## Children's Ministry Need

Additional volunteers are needed for Olivet's Nursery and Children's Church ministries. A Children's Ministry volunteer must be at least 16 years old, a communing member of the church, and approved for the ministry by the Session.

*Children's Ministry Volunteer Forms* are available in the vestibule. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

## Faith Promise for World Missions

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.

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 22,510.00
<b>New 2023 Faith Promise pledged to date:</b>	<b>\$16,350.00</b>

*Important: All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2023, will go toward the 2022 Faith Promise.*

## Collection Duty

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

## Nursery Team

Today (3/26)	Donna McArthur, Debbie Summerville
Next Sunday (4/2)	Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame

## Children's Church Team

Today (3/26)	Michael Laws (T), Marsha Plyler
Next Sunday (4/2)	Brenda Nance (T), Richard Sikes

## Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 42,779.11
Receipts to date	\$ 48,680.81

## A Reminder and a Request

Olivet members are reminded that the sanctuary building is regularly used for a variety of events besides our weekly Sunday Morning Worship. Please do not leave

any personal items (offering envelope boxes, books, bags, electronics, etc.) in “your pew”. Someone else may need the space when you are not present.