

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*  
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## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
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## 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>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), <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

Daniel Harshaw (2026), <i>Chairman</i>	Laura Frame (2023)
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, December 31, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Austin Simpson

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Lord, 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.

*People:* **You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

*Leader:* So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

*People:* **Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

*All:* **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands. Amen! Let us worship God!**

Adapted from Psalm 90

\*Hymn 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as light with you.

(Psalm 139:7-12, ESV)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 32 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* All

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon "After the Wise Men" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* 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.

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*Today at Olivet*

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Morning Worship

*Sunday Evening Ministries Resume Next Week*

*This Week at Olivet*

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

*Looking Ahead*

**Next Sunday Communion Service, 10 am**  
January 28 Fellowship Presbytery Meets, Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill  
March 17 Annual Missions Conference

*Faith Promise for World Missions*

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

2023 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 15,822.50

### *Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to date \$ 202,228.52

Receipts to date: \$ 203,428.02

### *Collection Duty*

December John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

January Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

### *Nursery Team*

Today (12/31) Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

Next Sunday (1/7) Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (12/31) Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

Next Sunday (1/7) Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville

### *Devotional Guides*

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk*, as well as the PCA's *ByFaith* Magazine are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.