

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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
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Don L. Johnson	David W. Kelley	Michael A. Laws, <i>Secretary</i>
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## 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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The Lord's Day, October 1, 2023

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Pastor Chip McArthur

**O**h give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

(Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9, ESV)

\*Hymn 115 *All Creatures of Our God and King* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

This is the message we have heard from him and  
proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no  
darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him  
while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice  
the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive  
ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

(1 John 1:5-6, 8, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Prayer

**Almighty God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may**

**hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

... if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:7, 9, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Choral Offering *You Righteous, in the Lord Rejoice (Psalm 33)* All

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

Scripture Reading Acts 20:17-38

Sermon "Rehearsals for Departure" Rev. Jeff Bryant

\*Hymn 689 *Be Still My Soul* All

\*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 646 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* Congregation

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

### Welcome

We extend a warm Olivet welcome to all our friends, family, former members, and guests join us today for Homecoming today as we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to this congregation down through the years. Please be sure to register your presence at the tables set up for that purpose. And may God bless you as your worship with us today.

### Our Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher this morning is the Rev. Jeff Bryant. Jeff is originally from Beaumont, TX. He is a graduate of Anderson University and of Erskine Theological Seminary and has pastored churches in both the ARP and the PCA over the past 12 years. He currently serves as the Associate Pastor at Filbert Presbyterian Church in York, S.C. Jeff and his wife Amanda have three children: Ellie (8), Nathan (6), and Everett (3). Please welcome the Bryant family this morning.

### Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Annual Meeting of the Olivet Cemetery Association
10:30 am	Morning Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
12:00 pm	Dinner on the Grounds – Join us!

*Please notice:* Our regular Sunday evening ministries will not be held this evening.

### This Week at Olivet

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

Next Sunday	Deacon's Meeting, 2 pm Session Meeting, 4 pm
October 14	<b>Women in the Church Fall Gathering at Zion PCA.</b> <i>Celebrating God Through the Psalms.</i> Registration forms are in the vestibule. If you wish to attend, please fill out the form & give Marsha Plyler \$15.00 by October 6, 2023 <b>Baby Shower for Carson Simpson, 5:00 to 6:30 pm</b>
October 15	<i>Operation Christmas Child</i> Shoebox Packing Party, 6:00 pm. Supplies are needed and may be dropped off in the Ladies' Sunday School room.
November 17-19	Youth Fall Retreat at Ridgehaven

### In Memoriam

Agnes Louise Aycock Love  
*Died February 8, 2023*

Sloan Douglas "Doug" Cobb  
*Died May 23, 2023*

Kenlow J. "Jack" Ballard  
*Died April 20, 2023*

Ann Burris Hawley  
*Died July 22, 2023*

### Sermon Notes for Kids

Starting next Sunday, "Kid's Sermon Notes" will be available next week to help our children to follow along with our worship service. The notes will be printed on the back of the coloring sheets and also separately. Please encourage your kids to participate by filling out their copy, and then sharing their notes with any elder or deacon to receive a treat.

### Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 10,227.50

### Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 151,671.39
Receipts to date:	\$ 155,063.13

### Collection Duty

October	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton
November	Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

### Nursery Team

Today (10/1)	Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw
Next Sunday (10/8)	Sandra Currence, Frankie Guempel

### Children's Church Team

Today (10/1)	Amanda Lenker (T), Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (10/8)	Susan Petty (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.