

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
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The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*
James R. Clinton
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
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Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*

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Lorie Rohrer, *Missions*

Our Missionaries

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

Brian Howard (*RUF1-Clemson Univ.*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*
Jill Christenberry (2024)
Rick Summerville (2026)

Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

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

Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
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Witness Committee

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Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Barbara Lawson (2028)
Marsha Plyler (2025)
Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

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The Lord's Day, September 22, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

(Psalm 91:1-2, ESV)

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

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, f
or you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

(Psalm 25:1-5, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

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

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

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

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 36 *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (Psalm 139:1-12)* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:5-8

Sermon "Servants and Their Masters" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 689 *Be Still, My Soul* 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:

8:50 am Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am Sunday School
Inquirers' Class (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet:

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

Thursday Fellowship Presbytery Meet at Salem PCA, Gaffney, 9 am
Communicants' Class, 6:30 pm

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday Joint Sunday Evening Worship at Zion PCA, Lowrys (6 pm). Food and fellowship to follow. Bring finger foods to share.

October 6 Homecoming with Rev. Wallace Tinsley

October 20 Shoebox Packing Party, 6 pm

Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Israel David Plyler.

Operation Christmas Child

This fall 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.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024 \$ 20,960.00

2024 Faith Promise Received to date \$ 7,907.00

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date \$ 160,831.59

Budget requirements to Date \$ 167,222.24

Difference -\$ 6,390.65

Collection Duty

September Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

October Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton

Nursery Team

Today (9/22) Abby Sikes, Bryce Laws

Next Sunday (9/29) Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame

Children's Church Team

Today (9/22) Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler

Next Sunday (9/29) Amanda Lenker (T), Richard Sikes

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are available today in the vestibule.

Missions Prayer Requests For September

Pray for us that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Brian Howard RUF1 Clemson- The typical International student has no interest or knowledge of Christianity. Pray that they will be awakened as RUF team members share the gospel. Pray that many students will attend meetings to read and study the Bible and to learn about Jesus.

Pete and Diane Bakelaar Japan -The Bakelaar's will be participating in 2 festivals. One will be held Sept 14-15 and the other Sept 28-29. Pray for God to work mightily through their efforts and give them wisdom and boldness. Pete will also be attending the 4th Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism on Sept 21-27. Pray that this congress will help to equip leaders in missions from around the world.

Garry and Anita Chambers-Pray for the MTW Belize team to be seen as having unity, working well with one another and with those to whom they minister. Pray for their wisdom in pointing others to Christ as well as wisdom in decision-making.

Continue to pray for our other missionaries, **Sara Driggers, Roger and Laura Dye, and Debbie Richards.**

The PCA's *Mission to the World* has ongoing projects that need prayer support. One of these is The Lighthouse Home. The ministry began in 1999 by MTW Philippines church planting team and cares for children who are orphaned, abandoned, or abused. Children receive nurture, physical provision, education, and the gospel.

A local Presbyterian church provides spiritual oversight to the children.