

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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>	Jason M. Petty
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.	William Lee Summerville, Jr., <i>Clerk</i>	

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows & Shut-ins</i>	Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings & 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>	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), <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
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The Lord's Day, July 23, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

(Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 167 *When Morning Guilds the Skies* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 57 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (Psalm 146)* Congregation

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

(Hebrews 4:12-13, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Adapted from Psalm 139

Leader: Father, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know when we sit down and when we get up.

People: You know when we go out and when we lie down to sleep. You understand our thoughts before we have them.

Leader: There is nowhere we can go to be apart from you. How could we hide our sin from you?

People: We confess that our hearts are plagued with sin. We have sought our own good over the good of others, and of your Kingdom. Forgive us.

Leader: We praise you, Lord, that knowing fully our sinful state you sent your Son, Jesus, to rescue us.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

(John 10:27-28, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 358 *For All the Saints* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading Ruth 4

Sermon Mr. Simpson

*Hymn 642 *Be Thou My Vision* 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's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery and Family Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Game Night (7 to 9 pm)
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Friday-Sunday	Youth Camping Trip – See Austin Simpson for details

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday	Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Service at Trinity PCA in Chester. Pastor Al Ward of Zion PCA is scheduled to preach. 6 pm.
October 1	Homecoming at Olivet – Guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Bryant

Please Make a Note

The church office number has been changed. It's now **(803) 693-4040**.

Grow Conference

If you are involved in Children's Ministry as a parent, teacher, or volunteer (or perhaps interested in becoming involved) you are encouraged to consider participating in the virtual "**Grow Conference**" being sponsored by the PCA's Discipleship Ministries Committee next month August 4-5. This *online* conference is aimed at helping equip leaders, teachers, and parents for teaching our children to know and worship our great God. Go to <https://grow.pcacdm.org/> for details. Cost of registration will be covered by Olivet's Sunday School ministry.

Please see Chris Arnold if you're interested in participating and to get your name on the list. Registered participants will be able to watch the conference either as it's broadcast live on August 4-5, or at their own convenience any time through the rest of the year.

Faith Promise for World Missions

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

2023 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 5,827.00

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 112,781.29

Receipts to date: \$ 121,980.64

Collection Duty

July	Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson
August	Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley

Nursery Team

Today (7/23)	Donna McArthur, Bryce Laws
Next Sunday (7/30)	Abbey Sikes, Laura Frame

Children's Church Team

Today (7/23)	Lori Rohrer (T), Jill Christenberry
Next Sunday (7/30)	Michael Laws (T), Marsha Plyler