

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)

Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)

Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global*)

Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)

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Ministry Committees, 2021

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2021

Class of 2022

Class of 2023

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Class of 2022

Class of 2023

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Class of 2023

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The Lord's Day, September 5, 2021

Prelude Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Franklin
*Call to Worship

Oh 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!
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.”

(Psalm 107:1-3, 31-32, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Congregation

Sacrament of Baptism Emelia Anne Harshaw

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?
“I the LORD search the heart
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

(Jeremiah 17:9-10, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Congregation

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are

ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

(1 Peter 2:24, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

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

Children's Message Pastor Franklin

Children, ages 3 to 5, dismissed to Children's Church

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:1-8

Sermon “When the Gospel Comes” Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* Congregation

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

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all our friends and visitors who join us for this morning's service of worship. Thank you for coming. May God richly bless you as you worship Him with us.

Today at Olivet

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study). Join us!
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Session Meeting
6:00 pm Family Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Circle #1 Meets in the Conference Room, 10 am.
Wednesday	Youth Group, 6 pm. Revival Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room, 7 pm.
Thursday	Small Group Bible Study- Hosted by Brian and Scharlie Carlisle, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

September 23	Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Trinity PCA, Van Wyck
October 3	Homecoming with guest preacher, Rev. Erik Smith
October 16	2021 WIC Fall Gathering at Westminster PCA. The guest speaker is Karen Hodge who serves as the Coordinator for the PCA's CDM Women's Ministry
November 19-21	Fall Youth Retreat at Ridgehaven

Greeters

September	Malcolm and Susan Harshaw
October	Jimmy and Ann Hawley

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 149,487.10
Receipts to date	\$ 154,689.42

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 7,566.00

Operation Christmas Child

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. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

New Member

This past Sunday the Session welcomed Mrs. Nell Branning into the communing membership of the church. Mrs. Branning, who is Donna McArthur's mother, has come by transfer of letter from Pearl Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Pearl, MS. She resides at Westminster Towers in Rock Hill.

Deacon Nominations

The Session will be receiving nominations from the congregation through the month of September for the biblical office of deacon. Nomination forms are available in the vestibule.

The PCA's *Book of Church Order* defines the biblical office of deacon as follows:

9-1. The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need.

9-2. It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed. They shall have the care of the property of the congregation, both real and personal, and shall keep in proper repair the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation. In matters of special importance affecting the property of the church, they cannot take final action without the approval of the Session and consent of the congregation. In the discharge of their duties the deacons are under the supervision and authority of the Session. In a church in which it is impossible for any reason to secure deacons, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the ruling elders.

9-3. To the office of deacon, which is spiritual in nature, shall be chosen men of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly spirit, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.

The congregation is urged prayerfully to consider the qualifications for the office of deacon as defined here and especially in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 before submitting nominations.