

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Women in the 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 (*RUF1-Clemson Univ.*)
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Michael and Tricia Lee (*MTW-Panama*)

Ministry Committees, 2021

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2021
Class of 2022
Class of 2023
Advisory Member

Daniel Harshaw, *Chairman* (2022)
Bryce Laws
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Missions Committee

Class of 2021
Class of 2022
Class of 2023

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Donna McArthur
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Class of 2022
Class of 2023

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The Lord's Day, December 5, 2021

Prelude Mr. Chris McCartney

Preparation for Worship

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

(Revelation 22:13 ESV)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

For to us a child is born
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

(Isaiah 9:6-7, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Congregation

Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Congregation

Q: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A: The only Redeemer of God's elect, is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Scripture Meditation Pastor John Franklin

There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.
For my iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

(Psalm 38:3-4, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin Congregation

Assurance of Pardon

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

(John 14:1-6, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Franklin

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Hymn 203 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading John 1:1-2

Sermon "What's the Word?" Pastor Franklin

*Hymn 194 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Congregation

*Benediction
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(1 Corinthians 13:14 ESV)

*Offering of Praise *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	Practice for Christmas Pageant (Children, and everyone else are invited to participate).

This Week at Olivet

Monday	No Small Group Bible Study this week. (will reconvene Dec. 13 th)
Wednesday	Youth Group Christmas Party, 6 pm Revival Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary, 7 pm

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

December 14	Circle # 2 will meet for a time of fellowship and Christmas celebration in the meeting room at 7 pm
December 19	Christmas Pageant, 6 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm.

Greeters

December	David and Sandra Currence
January	Jimmy & Ann Hawley

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 205,010.88
Receipts to date	\$ 208,235.22

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 16,076.00

Nursery Team

Today (12/5)	Debbie Summerville, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (12/12)	Ann Hawley, Kathy Fairfax

Children's Church Team

Today (12/5)	Lee Summerville, Amanda Lenker, Rick Summerville (Alt.)
Next Sunday (12/12)	Susan Petty, Jimmy Hawley, Jill Christenberry

Devotional Helps

Copies of the latest editions of *Tabletalk Magazine* and *Our Daily Bread* are available for your taking in the vestibule. There you'll also find copies of the latest edition of the PCA's *ByFaith* magazine. Please help yourself to these free resources to help you grow in grace.

Please Use the Mailing Address

Please make a note that the **mailing address** for the church is **P.O. Box 74, McConnells, SC, 29276**. Any communications, checks, bank drafts, etc. sent via U.S. Mail to the church should be sent to the **P.O. Box**, not to the physical address.

Youth Group Christmas Party

This Wednesday night the Olivet youth group (6th - 12th grade) will meet at the home of John and Morgan Franklin for a Christmas party. Students are encouraged to wear their tackiest (or most beautiful...if preferred) Christmas attire. Each participant should bring a wrapped gift (maximum of \$10 gift) for the white elephant gift exchange. The Franklins will provide Chili and drinks, students may bring corn bread or a dessert to share if they like. Please let John or Morgan know what you are bringing by the end of Sunday (today). Invite your friends, and as always, parents are welcome to participate.