

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Diaconate

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The Women in the Church

Laura Frame, <i>President</i>	Rebecca Howell, <i>Treasurer</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
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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>)	Marty and Sara Driggers (<i>Wycliffe</i>)
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Debbie Richards (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	

Ministry Committees, 2021

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2021	Daniel Harshaw, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	Brian Carlisle
Class of 2022	Bryce Laws	Megan Covington
Class of 2023	Chris Arnold (2024)	Brenda Nance
Advisory Member	John Franklin	

Missions Committee

Class of 2021	*Rick Summerville, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	Ellen Walyus
Class of 2022	Dennis Krueger	Donna McArthur
Class of 2023	Bobby Mendenhall (2024)	Susan Petty

Witness Committee

Class of 2021	*Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	Ann Hawley
Class of 2022	David Currence	Brent Christenberry
Class of 2023	Michael Nance (2024)	Laura Frame



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The Lord's Day, August 1, 2021

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

(2 Corinthians 12:10, ESV)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Leader: Come before the LORD, ask of him and seek after him; and seek after him; that you may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of your life. Gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and inquire in his temple!

ALL: Look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Based on Psalm 27:4, 13-14 (ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Congregation

Scripture Meditation

Pastor John Franklin

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

(Romans 8:22-26, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was

pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

(Isaiah 53:4-6, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:6-7, ESV)

*Doxology

*Hymn 34

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Congregation

Children's Message

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

Pastor Franklin

Scripture Reading

Acts 20:28-35

Sermon

"The Leadership of the Church" (Part 1)

Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 691

It Is Well with My Soul

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

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 WIC Circle # 1 meets in the Conference Room, 10 am.
Wednesday Youth Group Meets in the Fellowship Hall, 6 pm.
Revival Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room, 7 pm.

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

September 23 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Trinity PCA, Van Wyck
October 3 Homecoming

Important Announcement – Deacon Nominations

The Session announces this morning that during the month of September it will be accepting nominations from the congregation for the biblical office of Deacon. Nomination forms will be made available at that time. It is anticipated that after the September nomination period, and after time for training and examination the deacon nominees, a congregational meeting to elect new deacons will be held, and with ordination and installation of those elected later this year.

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.

Greeters

August Roy & Matt Clinton
September Malcolm and Susan Harshaw

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 128,131.80
Receipts to date	\$ 129,126.52

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 5,311.00

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.