

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>	Lorie Rohrer, <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, December 24, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

(Selected verses)

*Hymn 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 295 *Joy to the World* All

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them
there is great reward.

(Psalm 19:7-11, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin All

Lord, forgive us our sins. Wash us in your Word. Turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Give us ears that we may hear, and eyes that we may see. Perfect all that concerns us and make us whole. For we have failed to love you with our whole hearts. We have turned to

our own way. We are lost without you. Lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake. May your word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Order our steps for your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

C. J. Rhodes

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 199 *See, Amid the Winter Snow* All

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon "Jesus the Savior" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 230 *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor* 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

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor's Study)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm **Christmas Eve Communion Service**

This Week at Olivet

Please notice that our regular Wednesday evening Youth Group and Prayer meetings will not be held this week, but will resume on January 3

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday **Sunday School, 9 am**
Morning Worship, 10 am

January 7 Communion Service, 10 am
January 28 Fellowship Presbytery Meets, Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill

Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023: \$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 15,797.50

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 198,997.02
Receipts to date: \$ 199,339.51

Collection Duty

December John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
January Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

Nursery Team

Today (12/24) Gracie Horton, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (12/31) Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

Children's Church Team

Today (12/24) Amanda Lenker (T), Roy Clinton
Next Sunday (12/31) Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

PCA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Edition-ByFaith Magazine

A few copies of *ByFaith's* special Commemorative Edition of the PCA's 50th Anniversary are still left. They're available in the vestibule.

Devotional Guides

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk*, as well as the PCA's *ByFaith* Magazine are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

We're Invited

If you are not finished celebrating Christmas, please join the Carlises tomorrow evening at 6PM. We will be having ham and sides. Let us know that you are coming and what you would like to bring. The Carlises live at 170 Hawley Road, McConnells. You can reach them at 803-322-4297.

A Word of Thanks

The McArthurs and the Simpsons express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Olivet congregation for the very generous Christmas checks received last Sunday evening.

With much love and affection,
Chip, Donna, Austin, and Carson