

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
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Michael A. Nance, <i>WIC Liaison</i>	Jason M. Petty	Richard B. Summerville, Jr.
William Lee Summerville, Jr., <i>Clerk</i>		

The Diaconate

James R. Clinton	S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., <i>Emeritus</i>	Malcolm Harshaw, <i>Treasurer</i>
John F. Hawley	Don L. Johnson	David W. Kelley
Larry M. Plyler, <i>Chairman</i>		

The Women in the Church

Laura Frame, <i>President</i>	Rebecca Howell, <i>Treasurer</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
Jane Harshaw, <i>Historian</i>	Marsha Plyler, <i>Pastor's Aide</i>	Donna McArthur, <i>Missions</i>
Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</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>)	Marty and Sara Driggers (<i>Wycliffe</i>)
Roger and Laura Dye (<i>Family Life Global</i>)	Michael and Tricia Lee (<i>MTW-Panama</i>)
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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A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, December 26, 2021

Prelude Mrs. Ina Ruth Johnson

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Franklin

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).

(Matthew 1:23, ESV)

Preparation for Worship

*Call to Worship

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me
blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

(Luke 1:47-50, 55, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 214 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Congregation

Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 22 Congregation

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Scripture Meditation Pastor Franklin

Your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

(Isaiah 59:2, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin Congregation

Assurance of Pardon

Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

(Hebrews 10:19-22, ESV)

Hymn 211 *God Rest you Merry, Gentlemen (vs. 1&3)* Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:7, ESV)

*Doxology

*Hymn 224 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Congregation

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

Scripture Reading John 1:14

Sermon "The Word: His Presence = our Present" Pastor Franklin

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

*No Evening Ministries tonight
No Prayer Meeting or Youth Group this Wednesday.
We will start back up in January.*

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

January 2 Communion Service, 10 am
January 22 Fellowship Presbytery meets at Westminster PCA in Rock Hill, 9 am.

Greeters

December David and Sandra Currence
January Jimmy & Ann Hawley

Collection Duty

December Larry Plyler, Jamie Clinton
January Don Johnson, Malcolm Harshaw

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 217,824.06
Receipts to date \$ 219,799.97
Total 2021 Budget \$ 222,095.13

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date: \$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 17,076.00

Money raised last Sunday evening for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund - **\$610.00**

Nursery Team

Today (12/26) Jane Harshaw, Carlisle
Next Sunday (1/2) Donna McArthur, Frankie Guempel

Children's Church Team

Today (12/26) Brian Carlisle, Toni Clinton, Megan Covington (Alternate*)
Next Sunday (1/2) Brenda Nance, Ina Ruth Johnson, Marsha Plyler

*Alternates serve only as needed.

Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for the new year are now available in the vestibule. Please pick up yours today.

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.

Bible Reading Plans

Several different kinds of Bible Reading plans for 2022 are printed off for you in the vestibule. Please take one.

Words of Thanks

Chip and Donna McArthur express their sincere thanks to the Olivet Church family for the very generous Christmas gift received on Sunday evening, and for the constant prayers and countless expressions of love and support given over the last year.

Dear Church Family, We are so very grateful for your extremely generous Christmas gift we were gifted this past Sunday night. We love you all so much and are so thankful that we are so very loved by our forever family. Much Love, John and Mo Franklin