

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold
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David R. Currence, *Emeritus*
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*
James R. Clinton
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
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Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*
Susan Petty, *Secretary*
Lorie Rohrer, *Missions*

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)
Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)
Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*
Jill Christenberry (2024)
Rick Summerville (2026)

Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*
Brian Carlisle (2024)
Jason Petty (2026)

Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
Dennis Krueger (2026)

Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), *Chairman*
Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Barbara Lawson (2028)
Marsha Plyler (2025)
Austin Simpson (2028)



Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, April 7, 2024

Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen

Psalter Hymnal, CRC Publications, 1987

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

(Psalm 34:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 167 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 498 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* All

Corporate Confession of Sin Responsive Reading

Leader: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk in the
darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another, and the blood
of Jesus his Son purifies us from sin.
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us. (John 1:5b-8)

People: Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;
And free us from our sin.

Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:8-10

Sermon "By Grace Alone" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 429 *Let Thy Blood and Mercy Poured* All

*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

*Confession of Faith

*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

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children’s Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group, 6 pm
	Special Wednesday Night gathering with Peter and Diane Bakelaar (MTW-Japan), 7 pm (*See note below)
Saturday	Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 am (studying 1 Peter)

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday	Deacons’ Meeting, 2 pm
April 20	Youth Sports Day with Christ Ridge PCA
April 27	Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Olivet, 9 am
May 17-18	Youth Campout (at Olivet)
June 2-6	Vacation Bible School (see note below)
June 10-14	51st General Assembly of the PCA, Richmond, VA

*Peter and Diane Bakelaar

Peter and Diane Bakelaar have served as church planting assistants in Japan since 1990. Peter is a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design with a B.F.A. in illustration. He holds a master’s degree in TEFL /Intercultural Studies from the Columbia International University Seminary and School of Bible and Missions. Diane is a graduate of Bob Jones University with a degree in home economics. Peter is an elder in the PCA. They have four grown children.

The Bakelaars are committed to knowing Christ and making Him known among the Japanese. They have expanded the ministry of church planting by engaging culture through the arts. Together they have established Gallery nani (Japanese for “what”) and Studio Tsunagaru (Japanese for “connection”), which have become meeting places for people to encounter God’s Word and God’s people. The Bakelaars believe art is one way to effectively invite questions and bring connections that lead to God, the Creator of all things!

Through teamwork with the MTW Community Arts Team, the Bakelaars are assisting churches in raising their profile in their communities and lowering their doorstep for engaging new visitors by connecting with people in Seto, Nagoya, Japan, and the world. You can follow them, engaging all age groups and social levels at <http://www.nanijapan.org/>.

Faith Promise for World Missions

All of Olivet’s financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a **new Faith Promise Commitment for 2024** using the enclosed card. Cards may be submitted through the offering plate and will be received through the month of April.

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise <i>received</i> to date:	\$ 20,478.50
2024 (New) Faith Promise <i>pledges</i> to date:	\$ 16,450.00

Important: All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2024, will go toward the 2023 Faith Promise.

Vacation Bible School 2024

Olivet will again be hosting as we hold our joint Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church planned this year for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Volunteers are needed for teaching, teacher’s aides, food prep and clean-up (dinner from 5:30-6:00) etc. **Please contact Barbara Lawson if you’d like to help out.**

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 51,658.13
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 58,753.76
Difference	(\$ 7,095.63)

Collection Duty

April	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
May	Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

Nursery Team

Today (4/7)	Abby Sikes, Brice Laws
Next Sunday (4/14)	Addisyn Sikes, Laura Frame

Children’s Church Team

Today (4/7)	Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler
Next Sunday (4/14)	Amanda Lenker (T), Richard Sikes

