

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*

Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold

Jeffery E. Fairfax, *Emeritus*

James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*

Michael A. Nance, *WIC Liaison*

William Lee Summerville, Jr., *Clerk*

Roy G. Clinton, *Emeritus*

E. John Franklin, *Assoc. Pastor*

Robert B. Mendenhall

Jason M. Petty

David R. Currence, *Emeritus*

Daniel H. Harshaw

John M. McArthur, Jr. *Moderator*

Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

## The Diaconate

James R. Clinton

John F. Hawley

Larry M. Plyler, *Chairman*

S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., *Emeritus*

Don L. Johnson

Malcolm Harshaw, *Treasurer*

David W. Kelley

## The Women in the Church

Laura Frame, *President*

Jane Harshaw, *Historian*

Frankie Guempel, *Chair-Circle 2*

Rebecca Howell, *Treasurer*

Marsha Plyler, *Pastor's Aide*

Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*

Susan Petty, *Secretary*

Donna McArthur, *Missions*

## 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.*)

Marty and Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)

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

Chris Arnold (2024)

John Franklin

Brian Carlisle

Megan Covington

Brenda Nance

### Missions Committee

Class of 2021

Class of 2022

Class of 2023

\*Rick Summerville, *Chairman* (2022)

Dennis Krueger

Bobby Mendenhall (2024)

Ellen Walyus

Donna McArthur

Susan Petty

### Witness Committee

Class of 2021

Class of 2022

Class of 2023

\*Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2022)

David Currence

Michael Nance (2024)

Ann Hawley

Brent Christenberry

Laura Frame



# Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
The Presbyterian Church in America



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The Lord's Day, December 12, 2021

Prelude

Mr. Chris McCartney

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

(Luke 2:7, ESV)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

(2 Corinthians 8:9, ESV)

\*Call to Worship

**P**raise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 117, ESV)

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 208

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Congregation

Corporate Confession of Sin

Pastor Chip McArthur

**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.

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

*Psalter Hymnal,*  
Grand Rapids: CRC Publications, 1987

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Hymn 213

*What Child is This?*

Congregation

Children's Message

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

Pastor Franklin

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

Sermon

"Jesus the Life"

Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 199

*See, Amid the Winter's Snow*

Congregation

\*Benediction

\*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

6:00 pm

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

### *This Week at Olivet*

- Monday            Small Group Bible Study at the Carlisle's, 6:30-8 pm  
Tuesday          Circle # 2 will meet for a time of fellowship and Christmas celebration  
                         at Donna McArthur's  
Wednesday      Revival Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary, 7 pm

*(Please notice: No Youth Group Meeting this week)*

### *Congregational Meeting-Next Sunday*

The Session has called a Congregation Meeting for next Sunday, December 19, 2021 following the Morning Worship Service, for the purpose of presenting the 2021 Church Budget and voting on proposed changes to the pastor's calls (compensation packages).

### *Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)*

- Next Sunday      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	\$ 209,281.94
Receipts to date	\$ 211,461.22

### *Faith Promise for World Missions 2021*

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 16,921.00

### *Nursery Team*

- Today (12/12)      Ann Hawley, Kathy Fairfax  
Next Sunday (12/19)    Laws, Gracie Arnold

### *Children's Church Team*

- Today (12/12)      Susan Petty, Jimmy Hawley, Jill Christenberry (Alternate\*)  
Next Sunday (12/19)    Laws, Peggy Covington, Roy Clinton (Alternate\*)

\*Alternates serve only as needed.

### *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.