

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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>
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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>Circle Chair</i>		

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	Brian Howard (<i>RUFJ-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, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Donna McArthur (2025)
Jill Christenberry (2024)	Kathy Fairfax (2025)
Rick Summerville (2026)	

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Thomas Hardison (2025)
Brian Carlisle (2024)	Lorie Rohrer (2025)
Jason Petty (2026)	Dennis Krueger (2026)

Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), <i>Chairman</i>	Barbara Lawson (2028)
Katie Summerville (2024)	Marsha Plyler (2025)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)	Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, March 10, 2024

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chip McArthur

*Call to Worship

Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

(Psalm 113:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 76 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 164 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* All

Scripture Mediation Mr. Austin Simpson

Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.
Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God, for to you do I pray.
O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and
watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.
The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.

(Psalm 5:1-7, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Responsive Reading

All: Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy.

Minister: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; You abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

All: But, O Lord, we are evildoers. We are boastful, deceitful bloodthirsty.

Minister: By Your mercy alone, by the abundance of Your steadfast love may we enter Your house.

All: Because of Your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in You. Take away our sins and let us sing for joy. Cover us with our favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from Psalm 5)

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

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

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message Mr. Simpson

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

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:1-5

Sermon "The Grace of Giving" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 565 *All for Jesus* 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
	Missions Committee Meeting (following Morning Worship)
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 Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
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World Missions Conference

Don't miss Olivet's annual World Missions Conference *this coming weekend*. Our special guest preacher this year is the Rev. Chuck McArthur. Chuck is a veteran PCA pastor and church planter who now serves as Executive Director of *Equipping Leaders International (ELI)*. And yes, he's also Pastor Chip's younger brother. He will be preaching for the Morning and Evening Services on Sunday, as well as sharing with us the gospel vision and work of ELI.

Also planning to join us for the conference are our missionaries Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*), Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*), and Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*).

Here's what's planned:

Saturday (March 16)

4 pm	Youth Fellowship – with Chuck McArthur (at the Carlisle's)
6 pm	Leadership Supper – with Missions Committee and Church Officers (including spouses) - with Chuck McArthur (Please RSVP)

Sunday (March 17)

9 am	Sunday School <i>Children</i> (with Sara Driggers) <i>Teens</i> (with Gary and Anita Chambers) <i>Adults</i> (with Chuck McArthur)
10 am	Morning Worship Service (Driggers & Chambers reporting)
11:30 am	Fellowship Luncheon – On the menu: BBQ with fixings! Everyone's Invited. Please bring desserts to share.
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service (Roger and Laura Dye Reporting) Dessert Social following the service.

Faith Promise for World Missions

All of Olivet's financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Since 1999, the Lord has been pleased to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in missionary support through the Olivet Church family and Faith Promise giving.

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

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 received to date:	\$ 18,573.50

Looking Ahead

March 23	Fellowship Presbytery Women's Gathering at Salem PCA (see information below)
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am
March 31	Easter Sunday

Attention Ladies

All ladies are encouraged to pray for and attend the *PresWIC Women's Gathering* scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at Salem PCA in Gaffney (1907 Hickory Grove Rd. Gaffney, SC). The theme of the event is "Taking the Gospel to the Nations." Check in starts at 8 am with the program starting at 9 am. Cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. To register, see Marsha Plyer or Sandra Currence.

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to Date	\$ 40,675.68
Receipts to Date	\$ 39,374.72
Difference	(\$1,300.96)

Collection Duty

March	Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle
April	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Nursery Team

Today (3/10)	Gracie Horton, Laura Frame
Next Sunday (3/17)	Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

Children's Church Team

Today (3/10)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (3/17)	Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton