

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Austin R. Simpson, *Ministerial Intern*  
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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>
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 &amp; Shut-ins</i>	Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings &amp; 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>	Austin Simpson (2028)
Katie Summerville (2024)	Marsha Plyler (2025)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)	Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
*The Presbyterian Church in America*



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The Lord's Day, March 3, 2024

**of protection and cower at our enemies. *Lord, forgive us.*  
Cause us to embrace Your goodness and mercy that we  
may truly believe that You will be with us all the days of  
our life. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Mr. Austin Simpson

**B**less the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
(Psalm 103:1-5, ESV)

\*Hymn 6 *O Come My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.  
(Psalm 23, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin All

**Lord, You are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You  
promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our  
Righteousness, but we look to our own works. You are  
with us, but yet we still fear and do not trust your promises**

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn 170 *Fairest Lord Jesus* 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 Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon "A Prayer for the Church" – Part 2 Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 642 *Be Thou our Vision* 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)
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 Meeting, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)
Saturday	Olivet Women's Circle meets, at 8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. All ladies welcome. Studying I Peter.

## Looking Ahead

March 16- 17	Annual Missions Conference (see information below)
March 23	Fellowship Presbytery Women's Gathering at Salem PCA (see information below)
March 30	Easter Sunday

### World Missions Conference (March 16-17)

Make your plans to participate in Olivet's annual World Missions Conference scheduled March 16-17. 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 little 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) and Sara Driggers (Wycliffe). Here's what's being planned:

#### Saturday (March 16)

4 pm	Youth Fellowship – with Chuck McArthur
6 pm	Leadership Supper – with Missions Committee and Church Officers (including spouses) - with Chuck McArthur

#### 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
11:30 am	Fellowship Luncheon (Provided – Everyone's Invited)
6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service (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:	\$ 18,003.50

## Attention Ladies

All ladies are encouraged to pray for and attend the *PresWIC Women's Gathering* scheduled for Saturday, March 24 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	\$ 36,153.16
Receipts to Date	\$ 33,417.39
Difference	(\$2,738.77)

## Collection Duty

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

## Nursery Team

Today (3/3)	Abbey Sikes, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (3/10)	Gracie Horton, Laura Frame

## Children's Church Team

Today (3/3)	Amanda Lenker (T), Richard Sikes
Next Sunday (3/10)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton