

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>
Robert B. Mendenhall	John M. McArthur, Jr. <i>Moderator</i>	Michael A. Nance, <i>WIC Liaison</i>
Jason M. Petty	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>	S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., <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>
Jane Harshaw, <i>Historian</i>	Marsha Plyler, <i>Treasurer/Pastor's Aide</i>	Donna McArthur, <i>Missions</i>
Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</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-Latin America</i>)	Michael and Tricia Lee (<i>MTW-Panama</i>)
Debbie Richards (<i>MTW-Japan</i>)	

Ministry Committees, 2022

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2022), <i>Chairman</i>	Megan Covington (2022)
Bryce Laws (2022)	Brenda Nance (2023)
Chris Arnold (2024)	Jill Christenberry (2024)

Missions Committee

Rick Summerville (2022), <i>Chairman</i>	Dennis Krueger (2022)
Donna McArthur (2022)	Susan Petty (2023)
Bobby Mendenhall (2024)	Brian Carlisle (2024)

Witness Committee

Jason Petty, <i>Chairman</i> (2022)	David Currence (2022)
Brent Christenberry (2022)	Laura Frame (2023)
Michael Nance (2024)	Katie Summerville (2024)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
The Presbyterian Church in America



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The Lord's Day, December 4, 2022

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

(1 John 4:10, NIV)

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

(Isaiah 40:3-5, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Congregation

Scripture Meditation

Pastor Chip McArthur

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be
comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute
you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

(Matthew 5:3-12, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music

Silent Night

Mr. Don Johnson

Children's Message

Mr. Simpson

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

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-27

Sermon

“The Resurrection and the Life”

Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 198

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735

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

*Those that are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
4:00 pm	Session Meeting
6:00 pm	Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in the Conference Room
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Looking Ahead

December 11	Practice for Christmas Pageant, 6 pm
December 18	Christmas Caroling, 3:30 pm (see below) Christmas Pageant, 5:30 pm (see below)
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm
December 25	Christmas Day – Morning Worship, 10 am
January 1	New Year’s Day – Morning Worship, 10 am

Christmas Pageant

Olivet’s annual Christmas Pageant will be December 18th at 5:30, with refreshments following. Please bring finger foods to share! Our practice will be on December 11th, at 6:00.

And...Christmas Caroling

THIS YEAR, before the pageant, we would also like to bless folks from our church who are not often able to attend by adding caroling! Please come at 3:30 pm (3:15 if you are bringing a child who would like to wear his/her pageant costume to go caroling).

Please let Scharlie Carlisle (803.322.4297) know if you plan to come, so that groups can be formed, and we know how many people we can visit. If you cannot come to the caroling, please have your child at the church at 5:00 to get into costume.

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.

Collection Duty

December	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
January	Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

Nursery Team

Today (12/4)	Donna McArthur, Debbie Summerville
Next Sunday (12/11)	Laura Frame, Abbey Sikes

Children’s Church Team

Today (12/4)	Lori Rohrer (T), Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (12/11)	Michael Laws (T), Roy Clinton

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date (Adjusted)	\$197,498.52
Receipts to date	\$204,648.44

Faith Promise for World Missions

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 15,736.00