

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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John M. "Chip" McArthur, Jr., *Pastor*  
Austin R. Simpson, *Ministerial Intern*  
Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*  
Robert B. Mendenhall, *Sunday School Superintendent*

## 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 &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>	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>
Ina Ruth Johnson, <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>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, 2023

### Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Brenda Nance (2023)
Jill Christenberry (2024)	Donna McArthur (2025)
Rick Summerville (2026)	Kathy Fairfax (2025)

### Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Susan Petty (2023)
Brian Carlisle (2024)	Thomas Hardison (2025)
Jason Petty (2026)	Lori Rohrer (2025)

### Witness Committee

Michael Nance (2024), <i>Chairman</i>	Laura Frame (2023)
Daniel Harshaw (2026)	Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2026)	Marsha Plyler (2026)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
*The Presbyterian Church in America*



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The Lord's Day, May 7, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

\*Call to Worship

**T**herefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:19–25, ESV)

\*Hymn 167 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Congregation

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 295 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Congregation

The Sacrament of Baptism Lucas Blaine Horton

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?  
“I the Lord search the heart  
and test the mind,  
to give every man according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

(Jeremiah 17:9–10, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Congregation

**Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

(1 Peter 2:24, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 535 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading John 14:1-6

Sermon “A Place for You” Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 691 *It Is Well with My Soul* Congregation

\*Benediction

\*Offering of Praise 735 The Gloria Patri Congregation

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able, please stand.

### Today at Olivet

8:45 am	Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship Service
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery) Family Bible Study

### This Week at Olivet

Tuesday	Ladies' Circle Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room_

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

May 16	Active Shooter Training, 7 pm – See Deacon Lee Guempel for more information.
May 21	Communion Service
June 4-8	Vacation Bible School at Olivet (5:30 to 8:00 pm)

Please *pray* for the VBS ministry, especially for the children and their families. One other practical way you can support the VBS ministry is by *contributing* homemade cookies or brownies, and fruits such as such as watermelon or grapes). See Frankie Guempel for more information.

June 12-16            50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

### Special Offering Last Sunday

Thanks to everyone who participated in the special offering taken last Sunday evening for the ministries of Fellowship Presbytery. \$481 was collected.

### Faith Promise for World Missions

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise Received (FINAL)	\$ 25,238.50
<b>2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:</b>	<b>\$ 19,340.00</b>

### Collection Duty

May                            Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

June                            David Kelley, Brian Carlisle, John Hawley

### Nursery Team

Today (5/7)	Abbey Sikes, Carson Simpson
Next Sunday (5/14)	Laura Frame, Addison Sikes

### Children's Church Team

Today (5/7)	Michael Laws (T), Marsha Plyler
Next Sunday (5/14)	Brenda Nance (T), Richard Sikes

### Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date	\$ 73,891.19
Receipts to date:	\$ 79,033.70