

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Christopher McCartney, *Choir Director/Accompanist*  
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## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
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## 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>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> )	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

Daniel Harshaw (2026), <i>Chairman</i>	Laura Frame (2023)
Katie Summerville (2024)	Marsha Plyler (2026)
Scharlie Carlisle (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, December 10, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

## \*Call to Worship

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).

(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23, ESV)

\*Hymn 194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* All

## \*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* All

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:13-16, ESV)

## Pastoral Prayer

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

## \*Doxology

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 230 *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond all Splendor* All

Children's Message Mr. Simpson  
(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading John 21:20-25

Sermon "Jesus and the Beloved Disciple" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior* 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

**5:00 pm**

**Choir Practice**

**6:00 pm**

**Practice for Christmas Pageant**

*All children are encouraged to participate. Parents and other volunteer helpers will be appreciated.*

## This Week at Olivet

Wednesday

Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm

Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

## Looking Ahead

### Next Sunday

### Christmas Caroling, 2:45 pm

*We'll be going out in groups to sing for some of our shut-ins. Everyone's invited. Please let Charlie Carlisle know if you plan to join in this ministry of singing.*

### Annual Christmas Pageant, 5:30 pm

*A time of fellowship and food will follow. Please bring something to share.*

December 24

Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm

January 7

Communion Service

January 28

Fellowship Presbytery Meets, Hopewell PCA, Rock Hill

## Faith Promise for World Missions

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023: \$ 19,340.00

2023 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 15,327.00

## Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 192,709.65

Receipts to date: \$ 190,561.49

### *Collection Duty*

December John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

January Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

### *Nursery Team*

Today (12/10) Abbey Sikes, Laura Frame

Next Sunday (12/17) Addisyn Sikes, Barbara Lawson

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (12/10) Brenda Nance (T), Richard Sikes

Next Sunday (12/17) Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton

### *Devotional Guides*

The latest editions of Our Daily Bread and Tabletalk, as well as the PCA's ByFaith Magazine are now available in the vestibule. Pick up your copy today.

## **Missions Prayer Requests For December**

*Pray that God may open a door to us for the Word.*

-- Colossians 4:3

**Debbie Richards**-Continue to pray for Debbie to be able to help her parents and make decisions about their health care. Pray that she will be able to make contact with her supporters while in the states..

**Sara Driggers**- Pray for Marty to successfully complete Law Enforcement academy, for Jade to grow in the Lord, for Sara as she has an increased workload, and for 3 clients who are expecting babies.

**Peter & Diane Bakelaar**-Pray for Peter and Diane to raise the support needed for their ministry. They plan to return to Japan in March.

**Brian & Missy Howard**-Pray for their weekly large group meetings on Tuesdays that they would be able to establish meaningful contacts with students

**Garry and Anita Chambers**-Pray that God would raise up students with a desire to reach children, youth and young adults. Be praying for A leadership consultation on Nov. 10 and for an additional \$800/month in support.

**Roger and Laura Dye**-Pray for Roger who will be responsible for unexpected duties. for 3 team members on Sabbaticals. Pray for strength and time management as he faces this busy time.