

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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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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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>
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, April 30, 2023

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

Bless 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 53 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Congregation

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 128 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* Congregation

Scripture Meditation

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

(1 John 1:5-10, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my

many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your work. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others and the truths that I have avoided. Forgive the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me, and make me whole. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust."

(Psalm 103:8, 13-14, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 313 *Unto My Lord Jehovah Said (Psalm 110)* Congregation

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading Ruth 2

Sermon Mr. Simpson

*Hymn 642 *Be Thou My Vision* 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
 5:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:00 pm **Olivet hosts Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Service. Fellowship with refreshments following the service. Please bring finger foods. A special offering will be taken for the ministries of Fellowship Presbytery.**

This Week at Olivet

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

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars!)

May 7 Session Meeting, 4 pm
 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 50th General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

Faith Promise for World Missions

Today is the last Sunday to make a new Faith Promise pledge for 2023. If you haven't done so already, please prayerfully consider doing so by next Sunday. Cards are available in the vestibule and may be submitted through the offering plate.

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 24,243.50
New 2023 Faith Promise pledged to date:	\$18,150.00
Important: All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2023, will go toward the 2022 Faith Promise.	

Collection Duty

April John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
 May Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

Nursery Team

Today (4/30) Frankie Guempel, Donna McArthur
 Next Sunday (5/7) Abbey Sikes, Carson Simpson

Children's Church Team

Today (4/30) Lori Rohrer (T), Jill Christenberry
 Next Sunday (5/7) Michael Laws (T), Marsha Plyler

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 70,002.18
 Receipts to date: \$ 75,759.22