

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)
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Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global*)
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Ministry Committees, 2021

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2021
Class of 2022
Class of 2023
Advisory Member

Daniel Harshaw, *Chairman* (2022)
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Class of 2021
Class of 2022
Class of 2023

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Class of 2021
Class of 2022
Class of 2023

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Olivet Presbyterian Church

McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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Homecoming Sunday, Celebrating 179 years of God's Faithfulness

The Lord's Day, October 3, 2021

Prelude

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

(Zephaniah 3:17, ESV)

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Franklin

*Call to Worship

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.”
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations.

(Psalm 145:1-3, 10-13, ESV)

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Matthew 6:9-13, KJV)

*Hymn 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Congregation

Scripture Meditation

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

(Acts 3:19-20, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Congregation

Merciful Lord, Pardon all my sins of this day, week, year, and all the sin of my life. Forgive me for sins of early, middle, and advanced years; sins of omission and commission, of hard-heartedness, unbelief, and pride. Forgive me for my deficiency in outspoken zeal for the cause of Christ and for bringing dishonor to your great name. Forgive me for deception, and untruthfulness in my dealings with others. Forgive me for the impurity of my thoughts, words, and deeds, and for the covetousness of my heart. Lord, forgive me for my sins in private and in the family. Forgive me for my neglect in the study of your word and in irreverently offered prayers. Forgive me for opening my heart to Satan's temptations. O Lord, pardon all of my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered and forgotten. Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

Adapted from the Valley of Vision (*Sins, 158-159*)

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13-14, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

Special Music

Unto My Lord Jehovah Said

Choir

Children's Message

Children, ages 3 to 5, dismissed to Children's Church

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 4

Sermon

“Rabbit Foot Religion”

Rev. Erik Smith

*Hymn 498

Jesus! What a friend for Sinners!(vs 1-3)

Congregation

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (vs. 4-5)

Congregation

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise

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

Guest Preacher

We welcome back to Olivet, the Smith Family. Erik and Cara Smith, along with their daughters, are joining us for corporate worship this morning. Erik, is the former pastor of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Scottsburg, Indiana, and a graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. He and his wife are both Georgia natives and they are currently live in Hartwell, GA with their three daughters Olivia, Penny, and Juliet. The Smiths actively serve in their local church, and Erik loves opportunities to share God's Word with other churches through pulpit supply. Erik can boast of God's grace that He made him a Georgia Bulldog (a painful reality for some right now), because of this Erik has learned what it means to rejoice in tribulation. We are thankful to have the Smith family with us today and we welcome Erik to the pulpit as he helps lead us in worship and preaches God's Word to us this morning.

Welcome

We extend a warm Olivet welcome to all our friends, family, former members and visitors who've come to join us for Homecoming today. Please be sure to register your presence at the tables set up for that purpose. May God bless you as you worship with us today.

Today at Olivet

8:45 am Early Prayer (in Pastor Chip's study). Join us!
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Cemetery Association
10:30 am Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
12:00 pm Covered Dish – **CANCELED** (Due to COVID concerns)
5:00 pm Session Meeting

(Note: No Sunday Evening Ministries today)

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group, 6 pm
Revival Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary, 7 pm
Thursday Small Group Bible Study- Hosted by Brian and Scharlie Carlisle, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars)

October 10 Deacons' Meeting, 2 pm
October 16 2021 WIC Fall Gathering at Westminster PCA. The guest speaker is Karen Hodge who serves as the Coordinator for the PCA's CDM Women's Ministry

October 23

Courageous Shepherding Mini Conference with Dr. Tim Witmer at Filbert PCA, 9 am to 12:30 pm. See Pastors Chip or John for details.

November 19-21

Fall Youth Retreat at Ridgehaven

Olivet Cemetery Association

Your Olivet Cemetery Association gift provides upkeep for the resting place of our loved ones. Each gift is greatly appreciated. Contributions to the Cemetery Association will be received during the association meeting this morning, or may be mailed to Mrs. Marsha Plyler, 920 Davis Lever Street, McConnells, SC 29726.

Greeters

September Malcolm and Susan Harshaw
October Jimmy and Ann Hawley

Church Budget Matters

Budget requirements to date \$ 166,571.34
Receipts to date \$ 171,295.13

Faith Promise for World Missions 2021

2021 Faith Promise pledged to date: \$ 20,652.00
2021 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 9,446.00

Nursery Team

Today (10/3) Ann Hawley, Kathy Fairfax
Next Sunday (10/10) Laws, Gracie Arnold

Children's Church Team

Today (10/3) Susan Petty, Jimmy Hawley, Jill Christenberry
Next Sunday (10/10) Laws, Peggy Covington, Roy Clinton

Operation Christmas Child

Olivet will once again be participating in Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Contributions of items for the shoeboxes may be placed in the Ladies' Sunday School room. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

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.

In Memoriam:

Betty Bass (died February 20, 2021)
Becky Bonner (died April 27, 2021)
Jim Sample (died June 10, 2021)
Teresa Krueger (died August 22, 2021)