

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

Christopher W. Arnold
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Robert B. Mendenhall
Richard B. Summerville, Jr.

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David R. Currence, *Emeritus*
James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*
James R. Clinton
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*
Michael A. Laws, *Secretary*

Brent M. Christenberry, *Buildings & Grounds*
Lee K. Guempel, *Safety Team*
Don L. Johnson
Larry M. Plyler, *Emeritus*
Malcolm Harshaw, *Treasurer*
David W. Kelley

The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*
Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*

Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*
Susan Petty, *Secretary*
Lorie Rohrer, *Missions*

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW-Japan*)
Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW-Caribbean*)
Roger and Laura Dye (*Family Life Global-Latin America*)

Brian Howard (*RUFJ-Clemson Univ.*)
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*
Jill Christenberry (2024)
Rick Summerville (2026)

Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*
Brian Carlisle (2024)
Jason Petty (2026)

Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
Dennis Krueger (2026)

Witness Committee

Daniel Harshaw (2026), *Chairman*
Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)

Barbara Lawson (2028)
Marsha Plyler (2025)
Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of
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The Lord's Day, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Mr. Austin Simpson

*Call to Worship

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

(John 12:12-13, ESV)

*Hymn 235 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (Psalm 24) All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Psalm 32:1-5, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin All

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(Adapted from Psalm 51, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 310 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon "Dead Men Walking" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 461 *Not What My Hands Have Done* 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

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Choir Practice

6:00 pm Children's Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study

Important: All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2024, will go toward the 2023 Faith Promise.

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group Meeting, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm (Conference Room)

Friday Good Friday Service at Zion PCA, Lowrys, 7 pm (We're invited!)

Saturday Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am. (egg hunt, cookies, and the REAL Easter Story)

Vacation Bible School 2024

Olivet will again be hosting as we hold our joint Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church planned this year for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Volunteers are needed for teaching, teacher's aides, food prep and clean-up (dinner from 5:30-6:00) etc. **Please contact Barbara Lawson if you'd like to help out.**

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday Easter
Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, 7 am
Morning Worship, 10 am

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 46,597.61
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 49,714.72
Difference	(\$2,489.48)

April 7 Communion Service, 10 am
April 13 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 am (studying 1 Peter)
April 20 Youth Sports Day with Christ Ridge PCA
April 27 Fellowship Presbytery Meets at Olivet, 9 am
May 17-18 Youth Campout (at Olivet)
June 2-6 Vacation Bible School (see note below)
June 10-14 51st General Assembly of the PCA, Richmond, VA

Collection Duty

March Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle
April John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Faith Promise for World Missions

All of Olivet's financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Since 1999, the Lord has been pleased to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in missionary support through the Olivet Church family and Faith Promise giving.

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

Please prayerfully consider making a **new Faith Promise Commitment for 2024** using the enclosed card. Cards may be submitted through the offering plate and will be received through the month of April.

Nursery Team

Today (3/24) Donna McArthur, Frankie Guempel
Next Sunday (3/31) Sandra Currence, Megan Covington

Children's Church Team

Today (3/24) Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry
Next Sunday (3/31) Lorie Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise <i>received</i> to date:	\$ 19,453.00
2024 (New) Faith Promise <i>pledges</i> to date:	\$ 12,850.00