

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold  
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Jason M. Petty

## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, *Widows & Shut-ins*  
James R. Clinton  
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David W. Kelley  
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## The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*  
Susan Petty, *Secretary*  
Marsha Plyler, *Treasurer/Pastor's Aide*  
Frankie Guempel, *Circle Chair*  
Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*  
Ina Ruth Johnson, *Historian*  
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 University*)  
Sara Driggers (*Wycliffe*)  
Debbie Richards (*MTW-Japan*)

## Ministry Committees, 2025

### Discipleship Ministries Committee

Rick Summerville, *Chairman* (2026)  
Kathy Fairfax (2025)  
Lee Summerville (2029)  
Donna McArthur (2025)  
Susan Petty (2026)  
Megan Covington (2028)

### Missions Committee

Jason Petty, *Chairman* (2026)  
Lorie Rohrer (2025)  
Chris Arnold (2029)  
Thomas Hardison (2025)  
Dennis Krueger (2026)

### Witness Committee

Austin Simpson, *Chairman* (2028)  
Barbara Lawson (2026)  
Bobby Mendenhall (2029)  
Marsha Plyler (2025)  
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)  
Gwen Carlisle (2028)



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A member congregation of  
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The Lord's Day, January 19, 2025

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Pastor Austin Simpson

**P**raise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole  
heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.  
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

(Psalm 111:1-3, ESV)

\*Hymn 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* All

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 78 *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* All

Scripture Meditation

Pastor Chip McArthur

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.

Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as light with you."

(Psalm 139:1-12, ESV)

Silent Confession of Sin

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 36 *Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (Psalm 139)* All

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

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 1:2-31*

Sermon *"The Holy One of Israel"* Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 558 *That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God (Psalm 1)* Congregation

\*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.

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## Today at Olivet

8:50 am	Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Morning Worship
	Missions Committee (following Worship)
2:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Children's Groups, Adult Bible Study

## This Week at Olivet:

Wednesday	Youth Group Meets, 6 pm Prayer Meeting, 7 pm (Conference Room)
Saturday	Coffee and Donuts- Meet Your Neighbors event, 8-10 am 91 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery, 9 am at Redeeming Grace PCA, Lake Wylie

### *This Evening-Honoring Our New Members*

Join us this evening after Bible Study and Children's Groups for a fellowship supper to honor Olivet's newest members. The menu includes soups and chilis.

### *Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)*

January 26	Witness Committee Meets (following Morning Worship)
February 11	Ladies' Circle Meets, 7 pm, in the Conference Room
February 23	Communion Service
March 1-2	Missions Conference

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024	\$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 14,717.74

### *Church Budget Matters*

Receipts to Date	\$ 8,769.60
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 9,019.73
Difference	- \$250.13

### *Collection Duty*

January	Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws
February	Brent Christenberry, Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton

### *Nursery Team*

Today (1/19)	Donna McArthur, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (1/26)	Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws

### *Children's Church Team*

Today (1/19)	Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville
Next Sunday (1/26)	Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler

### *Devotional Guides*

The latest editions of *Our Daily Bread* and *Tabletalk* are available today in the vestibule.

### *Missionary Prayer Requests for January*

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations...*

Matthew 24:14

Brian Howard (*RUF*, *Clemson University*) -Asks that we pray that God will bless the evangelistic efforts of 2024 and use the truth of the gospel to transform students.

Peter and Diane Bakelaar (*MTW*, *Japan*)-Ask that we pray that the kingdom will expand as the Bakelaar's work with *City-to-City Japan* as they seek to train and equip church planters to establish new city-based churches.

Garry and Anita Chambers (*MTW*, *Caribbean*) - Ask for prayer as they travel to Belize January 24 through February 1 for a presbytery meeting. They praise God for answered prayer for a new medical officer in Belize and ask us to pray that the clinic staff will be faithful to direct patients to Christ.

As this new year begins let us pray for all of our missionaries

- *New depth of relationship*
- *New boldness in evangelism*
- *New opportunities to speak words of truth and love*

Our missionaries

- *The Bakelaar's/Japan*
- *The Dye's/Family Life Global-Latin America*
- *Brian Howard/ RUF*-*Clemson*
- *The Chambers/Caribbean*
- *Sara Driggers/ Wycliffe*
- *Debbie Richards/Japan*