

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
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The Diaconate

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James R. Clinton
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*
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The Women in the Church

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Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
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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 (*RUF1-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)
Susan Petty (2026)

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, December 8, 2024

Prelude Preparation for Worship
Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur
*Call to Worship

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

(Psalm 103:19–22, ESV)

*Hymn 203 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* All
*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* All
*Profession of Faith Lilly Clair Clinton
Benjamin Kent Carlisle
Dexter Kerr Laws

Scripture Meditation Pastor Austin Simpson

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone;

the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

(Romans 13:8–14, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, You who are all merciful, take away our sins from us and enkindle within us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh and blood, hearts to love and adore You, hearts which may delight in You, love You, and please You, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Bishop Ambrose of Milan (4th Century)
Adapted for corporate use.

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 213 *What Child Is This?* All

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 22:1-19

Sermon "Come, Lord Jesus"-Part 2 Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 199 *See, amid the Winter's Snow* All

*Benediction

*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* All

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Today at Olivet

8:50 am Early Prayer (Pastor's Study)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm Christmas Pageant

This Week at Olivet:

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm.

Christmas Pageant Tonight

Olivet's Christmas Pageant is tonight at 6:00 pm. Everyone's invited. Our annual offering for our denominational Relief Fund for needy retired ministers and widows will be received. Refreshments will be served afterward in the fellowship hall. Please bring snack food, either savory or sweet. Beverages will be provided.

New Members!

Last Sunday evening the Session was pleased to receive Mrs. Jane Boswell into Olivet's membership by reaffirmation of faith. Welcome Jane! Also approved for communing membership were three of Olivet's covenant children: Lilly Clair Clinton, Ben Carlisle, and Dexter Laws. They were received pending their public profession of faith during this morning's Worship Service.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to Debbie Parsons and the Parsons family in the death of her mother Faye on Wednesday evening. Funeral services were held yesterday at Olivet.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024	\$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date	\$ 12,398.78

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 214,560.28
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 216,936.96
Difference	-\$2,376.68

Collection Duty

December	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
January	Brian Carlisle, John Hawley, Michael Laws

Nursery Team

Today (12/8)	Donna McArthur, Megan Covington
Next Sunday (12/15)	Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws

Children's Church Team

Today (12/8)	Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville
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Next Sunday (12/15) Brenda Nance (T), Marsha Plyler

Devotional Guides

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

Missions Prayer Requests For December

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

Matthew 24:14

December is a time to reflect on God's many blessings throughout the year. Join our missionaries in giving God praise for the advance of the gospel in 2024.

Brian Howard- Reports that he is seeing God at work as worship services are filled with people from Iran, India, Nepal, China, Ghana, Cameroon, Brazil, Germany, and the Netherlands. He asks for prayers so that he will continue to have the opportunity to declare the gospel truth to the nations.

Peter and Diane Bakelaar -Rejoice in seeing God's hand in equipping the church in Japan to reach the culture in creative and impactful ways. They ask for prayers to continue to bring light into dark places through their partnership with Evangelism Explosion, a program that trains believers to share their faith.

Garry and Anita Chambers-Thank the Lord that MTW was able to partner in starting 2 new church plants (Cuba and Belize), and that plans are in place for future ministry in the Bahamas. They ask for prayers as they minister in Haiti. This country is experiencing a severe downward spiral due to gang activity that is disrupting the nation.

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