

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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James M. Hawley, *Emeritus*
Jason M. Petty

The Diaconate

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

Sandra Currence, *President*
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Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
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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*)
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Ministry Committees, 2024

Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*
Jill Christenberry (2024)
Rick Summerville (2026)
Donna McArthur (2025)
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

Missions Committee

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Jason Petty (2026)
Thomas Hardison (2025)
Lorie Rohrer (2025)
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Katie Summerville (2024)
Scharlie Carlisle (2025)
Barbara Lawson (2028)
Marsha Plyler (2025)
Austin Simpson (2028)



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McConnells, South Carolina

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The Lord's Day, December 1, 2024

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship

Preparation for Worship
Pastor Austin Simpson

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

(Psalm 62:5-8, ESV)

*Hymn 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* All

Scripture Meditation Pastor Chip McArthur

The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.
He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth that he may judge his people:
"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!
"Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Highest,
and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

(Psalm 50:1-15, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Choral Offering *Give Thanks Unto the Lord Jehovah* Choir

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

Scripture Reading Genesis 3:1-19

Sermon "Come, Lord Jesus"-Part 1 Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 198 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!* 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
Congregational Meeting (see note)
4:00 pm Session Meeting
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant Practice

This Week at Olivet:

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

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday Annual Christmas Pageant, 6 pm.
December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for this morning immediately following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2025 Budget and to vote on a proposed change to the Pastor’s call (compensation package).

Christmas Pageant

Olivet’s Christmas Pageant this year will be next Sunday, December 8, at 6 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.

Faith Promise for World Missions

2024 Faith Promise Pledged, April 30, 2024 \$ 20,960.00
2024 Faith Promise Received to date \$ 12,198.74

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date \$ 209,938.28
Budget requirements to Date \$ 212,417.44
Difference -\$ 2,479.16

Collection Duty

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

Nursery Team

Today (12/1) Maddie Sikes, Frankie Guempel
Next Sunday (12/8) Donna McArthur, Megan Covington

Children’s Church Team

Today (12/1) Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry
Next Sunday (12/8) Lori Rohrer (T), Rick Summerville

Devotional Guides

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

Free Advent Devotionals

Free copies of a new book of daily devotionals for Advent by popular PCA pastor, speaker, and author Paul David Tripp are now available in the vestibule. Grab a copy today.



