

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
John F. Hawley, *Chairman*
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Sandra Currence, *President*
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Kathy Fairfax, *Nursery/Children's Church*
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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

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Jason Petty (2026)

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

Witness Committee

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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, November 24, 2024

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship

Preparation for Worship
Pastor Chip McArthur

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

(Psalm 107:1-3, ESV)

*Hymn 715 *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 116 *For the Beauty of the Earth* All

Scripture Meditation Mr. Thomas Hardison

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

(Psalm 40:1-5, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin

Unison Reading

**As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mercy from us;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve us!
For evils have encompassed us
beyond number;
our iniquities have overtaken us,
and we cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of our heads;
our hearts fail us.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us!
O Lord, make haste to help us!**

(Psalm 40:11-13, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 98 *Now Thank We All Our God* All

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

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:21-24

Sermon "The Tie That Binds" Pastor McArthur

*Hymn 350 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* 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
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm

Joint Thanksgiving Service at McConnells First Baptist. A fellowship meal will be held following the service. Bring a covered dish to share.

This Week at Olivet:

Thursday Thanksgiving Day

Note: No Wednesday evening ministries this week.

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday Called Congregational Meeting (see note)

Session Meeting, 4 pm

Practice for Christmas Pageant, 5 pm (see note)

December 8 Annual Christmas Pageant, 6 pm.

December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service, 5 pm.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday morning, December 1, 2024, 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 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 \$ 11,873.74

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date \$ 206,953.28

Budget requirements to Date \$ 207,897.92

Difference -\$ 944.64

Collection Duty

November Malcolm Harshaw, David Kelley, Brian Carlisle

December John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry

Nursery Team

Today (11/24) Norah Kaye Summerville, Jane Harshaw

Next Sunday (12/1) Maddie Sikes, Frankie Guempel

Children's Church Team

Today (11/24) Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton

Next Sunday (12/1) Michael Laws (T), Jill Christenberry

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 also now available in the vestibule. Grab a copy today.

Missions Prayer Requests for November

November is the month of Thanksgiving. This month let us thank God for calling our missionaries as His ambassadors to the world. Now more than ever the world needs the gospel of Christ. It also desperately needs to see the love of God in action as missionaries help to meet many physical needs.

MTW suggests these nine ways to pray for our missionaries. Pray for their:

1. Reliance on God
2. Spiritual safety
3. Emotional, physical, and mental well-being
4. Christian community
5. Strong family relationships
6. Contentment/companionship for single missionaries
7. Cultural adjustment and sensitivity
8. Healthy team dynamics
9. A fruitful harvest

Let us rejoice that we can partner with our missionaries through prayer and giving. Consider contacting one or more of our missionaries this month to thank/encourage them. Also, consider a financial contribution to missions to thank the Lord for all His blessings.

Our missionaries: The Bakelaar's (MTW-Japan), The Dye's (Family Life Global-Latin America), Brian Howard (RUF1-Clemson), The Chambers (MTW-Caribbean), Sara Driggers (Wycliffe), Debbie Richards (MTW-Japan)