

Olivet Presbyterian Church

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The Session

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The Diaconate

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James R. Clinton
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The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, *President*
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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*)
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
The Presbyterian Church in America



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The Lord's Day, April 28, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

(Psalm 98:1, 4-6, ESV)

*Hymn 16 *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 98)* All

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 44 *How Great Thou Art* All

Scripture Meditation Mr. Austin Simpson

And one of [the Pharisees], a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

(Matthew 22:35-40, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Congregation

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

(Psalm 145:8-9, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Musical Offering *Feed My Lambs* Mr. Don Johnson

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

Scripture Reading Micah 3

Sermon Mr. Simpson

*Hymn 642 *Be Thou My Vision* 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 VBS Volunteer Meeting. All teachers and volunteers are asked to participate.
5:00 pm Choir Practice
6:00 pm Children's Ministries (Kingdom Kids, Sonbeams, Nursery), and Adult Bible Study

This Week at Olivet

Wednesday Youth Group, 6 pm
Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

Looking Ahead (Please Mark Your Calendars!)

Next Sunday Ordination and Installation Service for Austin Simpson, 6 pm
May 11 Ladies Bible Study, 8:30 am
May 17-18 Youth Campout (at Olivet)
June 2-6 Vacation Bible School (see note on insert)
June 10-14 51st General Assembly of the PCA, Richmond, VA

Faith Promise for World Missions

Olivet's financial support of international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. **Tuesday** is the last to submit new pledges. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule.

2023 Faith Promise pledged April 30, 2023:	\$ 19,340.00
2023 Faith Promise <i>received</i> to date:	\$ 22,348.50
2024 (New) Faith Promise <i>pledges</i> to date:	\$ 20,000.00

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

Vacation Bible School 2024 – Please Register

Olivet is again hosting Summer Vacation Bible School with McConnells First Baptist Church, scheduled for June 2-6, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. with classes for children and teens 3 years old through Grade 12. Please register on the church website at www.olivetpca.org.

Church Budget Matters

Receipts to Date	\$ 66,165.66
Budget requirements to Date	\$ 72,312.32
Difference	(\$6,146.66)

Collection Duty

April	John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry
May	Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

Nursery Team

Today (4/21)	Donna McArthur, Gwen Carlisle
Next Sunday (4/28)	Ina Johnson, Jane Harshaw

Children's Church Team

Today (4/21)	Scharlie Carlisle (T), Toni Clinton
Next Sunday (4/28)	Barb Lawson (T), Roy Clinton

Devotional Guides

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

By Faith

The PCA's denominational magazine **byFaith** is now available exclusively in an online digital format. You can find it at byFaithonline.com where you can also sign up to receive [twice-weekly updates in your inbox](#).

Missions Prayer Requests For April

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16b, ESV)

How to pray for missionaries

1. Pray for open doors in countries and individual hearts.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison. (Colossians 4:2-3, ESV)

2. Pray for boldness in effective words spoken without fear and against evil forces.

[And pray] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel... (Ephesians 6:19, ESV)

3. Pray that God's Word will spread rapidly wherever it goes.

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. (2 Thessalonians 3:1, ESV)

4. Pray for protection from those who resist the Word.

[pray] that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. (2 Thessalonians 3:2, ESV)

Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar

Gary and Anita Chambers

Debbie Richards

Brain and Missy Howard Sara Driggers

Roger and Laura Dye

Prayer should not be regarded as a duty that must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty. – E.M. Bounds