



At its meeting on February 15, the Session of First Presbyterian Church will call a meeting of the congregation for March 7, at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the slate of officer nominees for election.

The meeting will be a Zoom webinar, and the link will be emailed to members the Friday prior to the meeting. *If you currently receive our Monday & Thursday emails, you should receive the link. If not, please fill out the subscription form at fpcgreensboro.org/connect*

If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate will be elected by acclamation. If there is a nomination from the floor, a congregational meeting will be held Sunday, March 14, to elect the officers by a majority vote.

All members are encouraged to attend the March 7 meeting and participate in the election of this slate of new officers.

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2021 Church Officer Nominees

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church:

The 2020 Nominating Committee, which consists of seven current Elders and eight members selected at-large by the Church membership, has completed its work. The Committee is pleased to offer for the congregation's consideration a slate of new Church Officers for the Class of 2024. The slate is comprised of (1) twenty Church members who are to be considered as Elders for a three-year term, (2) two youth Elders to serve a one-year term, and (3) one nominee to serve a five-year term as Church Trustee.

The makeup of our Committee consisted of a broad cross-section of Church members who met weekly from early October into December. During that time, we reviewed and considered hundreds of recommendations made by the congregation, staff, and members of the Committee. In considering the talented pool of nominees, we reflected on the needs of the Church, communicated extensively with each other, and spoke with all of the selected nominees. In this process, we looked to God for guidance and direction in our work and to lead us to a new group of Church leaders.

The pages that follow describe the nominees and provide biographical information on each person. The individuals answering our call each bring different talents and abilities to their Church service. All, however, are united in their sense of faith and a share a commitment to the support and betterment of our Church, its membership and mission. Every nominee has agreed to an Expectation of Covenant as a tangible expression of his/her commitment to Church service. The Committee is pleased to report that all nominees stand ready to bring their time, talents, and resources to our church and its membership as Church Officers.

The Committee made it a priority to reach across all ages, genders, and groups of the membership to seek out persons who will bring varied experience, personalities, involvement, and faith journeys to their service. We hope that as everyone looks through the list of nominees and their accomplishments, you will discern their talents and be as excited as we are for what this group of servants will bring to our church.

Please offer your prayers and support to this group of new church leaders.

Lastly, I would be remiss not to thank the talented and committed members of the Nominating Committee for their time and discernment during this very different committee year.

Parrish Peddrick, 2020 Nominating Committee Chair

COVENANT OF CHURCH
MEMBERSHIP AS AN ELDER
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

“I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners. As a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, I dedicate myself unreservedly to His service and promise that, as regularly as I am able, I will attend its services, observe its sacraments, contribute to its support and share in its works.”

EXPECTATIONS OF COVENANT,
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I acknowledge and endorse the following expectations of me as a leader and elder, or trustee, of First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina.

SPIRITUAL

- To regularly read and study the Bible
- To attend Sunday worship services as often as I am able
- To pray for the church and its members daily
- To be involved in at least one outreach ministry each year

TIME AND TALENT

- To serve on a committee of the Session and, if asked, to serve as chair or vice-chair of that committee
- To participate in welcoming new members
- To serve communion when available
- To attend at least one meeting of the Presbytery during tenure as elder

FINANCIAL

- To make a pledge that represents my relationship with God.
- To meet my pledge on a timely basis no less often than quarterly

N O M I N E E S

Elder Class of 2024

Diane Aycock	Alex Harrill	Trish Moore
Holly Ballenger	Anne Hurd	Jim Staton
Christy Botros	Carrie Johnston	Sam Turner
Claire Davis	Margee Jones	John Veraar
Ralph Davison	Dan Kerns	Rhonda Wakefield
Claire Driscoll	Reaves King	Jackie Wilson
Joey Fields	Joe Lowman	

Youth Elder Class of 2022

Winston Cimino
Howell Pierce

Trustee Class of 2026

Graham Farless

CURRENT MEMBERS OF SESSION

CLASS OF 2021: Larry Bowden, Louise Bristol, Sheri Evans, Ed Galloway, Teri Hammer, Michael Hunt, Tessa Kirkpatrick, Will Martin, Robert McIver, Rosa McNairy, Felix Ndayisenga, Phyllis Parker, Parrish Peddrick, Paula Pile, Carole Simms, Doug Stone, Sara Stroud, Tom Tilley, Brantley White, John Whisnant
*Mac Faircloth, *Cameron Jones

CLASS OF 2022: Erik Albright, Wells Brabham, Anne Brown, Lisa Cook, Mary Eagle, Jean Goodman, Jill Hare, Jim Hoeger, Dolly Jennings, Griffin Jones, Doris Kiser, Beau McIntosh, Tom Nelson, David Patterson, John Redhead, Kelly Seymour, Joe Vartanian, Steve Warren, Debbie West, Adrienne Woods

CLASS OF 2023: Bill Benjamin, Katherine Farless, Emily Faucher, Jack Harrington, Robby Hassell, Catherine Johns, Christie Mitchell, Allison Morrisette, Chuck Norman, Chip Permar, Lori Richardson, Hunter Ricks, Karen Rinehart, Karen Schaede, Doug Shaw, John Sullivan, Andy Supple, Camille Townsend, Martha Turner

** Youth Elders*

CURRENT TRUSTEES FOR THE L. RICHARDSON TRUST

Class of 2021: Betsy Harrington; **Class of 2022:** Ginni Lineberry; **Class of 2023:** Lisa Anderson; **Class of 2024:** Alex Maultsby; **Class of 2025:** Jim Hegner

2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Parrish Peddrick, *chair*; Beau McIntosh, *vice chair*; Ginger Booker, Ty Buckner, Lisa Cook, Ed Galloway, Jean Goodman, Teri Hammer, Jim Hoeger, Lorie Jones, Carole Lesley, Emily Scott, Sam Simpson, and John Vanderwerff. Debby Foster, *staff support*

NOMINEES FOR ELDER, CLASS OF 2024



MARSHA “DIANE” AYCOCK

Occupation: Retired elementary school teacher

Current church service: Westminster Ringers, funeral usher, offering collection/sorting team, First Friend, Circle of Friends, extended communion volunteer

Previous church service: Nursery volunteer, Nominating Committee

Community ministry/volunteer service: Bryan YMCA volunteer



HOLLY BALLENGER

Occupation: Preschool teacher

Current church service: Vacation Bible School leader, Hot Dish & Hope volunteer, First Kids consignment sale volunteer (on hold due to Covid)

Previous church service: Children’s church school teacher, worship enrichment leader, nursery volunteer

Community ministry/volunteer service: Board member Friendly Park Pool; Claxton Elementary School: PTA, Media Center, Book Fair and classroom volunteer; Kernodle Middle School classroom volunteer



CHRISTY LEE BOTROS

Occupation: Neurology account manager for Eisai Pharmaceuticals

Current church service: Leader for kindergarten Sunday school (on hold due to Covid)

Previous church service: Co-director for Vacation Bible School, Vacation Bible School teacher, kindergarten Sunday school teacher, FPC preschool board advisor, member of GIFT women’s small group

Community ministry/volunteer service: Member of Bible Study Fellowship International; sustainer of Junior League of Greensboro/Wilmington; PTA for St. Pius the Tenth School



CLAIRE DAVIS

Occupation: Retired, former social worker, director of preschool ministry

Current church service: Hot Dish & Hope volunteer, church school substitute teacher, Companions in Christ

Previous church service: As member of Fort Worth Presbyterian Church: Elder, chair of Music and Worship, vacation church school teacher, Circle Bible leader, adult church school teacher, baptism home visits, bound member visits

Community ministry/volunteer service: St. James Presbyterian Bible study

NOMINEES FOR ELDER, CLASS OF 2024



DEXTER “RALPH” DAVISON, JR.

Occupation: Senior Consultant, Carney, Sandoe & Associates; former Headmaster of Greensboro Day School

Current church service: Chancel Choir; Hot Dish & Hope

Previous church service: Pastor Nominating Committee; Meals on Wheels; Funeral Guild; ordained ruling elder, First Presbyterian Church (Utica, New York); extended communion volunteer

Community ministry/volunteer service: Greensboro Chamber of Commerce (Education Committee co-chair); Greensboro Rotary Club; co-founder and long-time soloist of Fox 8 Holiday Greensboro Concert; “Parenting Expert” WGHP & WFMY TV; local boards of First Union (one year as Chairman) and Wachovia Banks; Triad Association of Non-Public Schools (founder); Summer Economics Institute (working with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Guilford County Public Schools and Greensboro Day School). *National & regional volunteer board service:* National Association of Independent Schools; Southern Association of Independent Schools; North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (President); Collegiate School (Richmond, VA)



CLAIRE DRISCOLL

Occupation: French instructor, instructional leader, and content developer for NC Virtual

Current church service: Children’s Formation Committee, Sunday school teacher, VBS teacher

Previous church service: Lay reader, worship enrichment leader, GIFT, Weekday Preschool ministry team

Community ministry/volunteer service: Delta Kappa Gamma, Elmwood Garden Club, Gate City Tennis Team captain



JORMAN (JOEY) WADE FIELDS, JR.

Occupation: Vice President Global Business, TNC, Inc.

Current church service: Racial Equity Task Force, Commitment Class

Previous church service: Faith Community Action, Elder, Nominating Committee

Community ministry/volunteer service: Church World Service volunteer

NOMINEES FOR ELDER, CLASS OF 2024



ALEX HARRILL

Occupation: Commercial lighting consultant

Current church service: Sacraments Committee member; Head Usher, team six; Parking Assistance team member, Hot Dish & Hope coordinator and volunteer

Previous church service: Active Elder, two terms; College of Elders; Nominating Committee member and chair; Outreach Committee member and chair; Sacraments Committee chair; Worship Assistance Ministry team leader; Worship Committee member; Appointments Committee member; Parking Assistance team leader; Youth and Family Committee member; Youth Minister Search Committee member; middle school youth advisor; confirmation mentor

Community ministry/volunteer service: Summit Rotary Club, committee chair and past board member; StepUp Greensboro volunteer; Wheels4Hope volunteer.



ANNE JONES HURD

Occupation: Vice President for Advancement & Admissions, Greensboro College

Current church service: Stewardship Committee, usher

Previous church service: Elder ordination in 1996; served on Session, Gifts & Endowments Committee; Capital Campaign Committee

Community ministry/volunteer service: War Memorial Commissioner; GreenHill Center for NC Art board; Hamilton Lakes & Parks, Inc., board; Rotary Club of Greensboro; Mental Health Greensboro board



CARRIE JOHNSTON

Occupation: Attorney

Current church service: Lay reader

Previous church service: Lay reader, young adult small group coordinator

Community ministry/volunteer service: Hot Dish & Hope (past), Meals on Wheels (past)



MARGEE JONES

Occupation: New Patient Coordinator at Guilford Medical Associates

Current church service: Usher (fourth Sunday); participates in Seekers Sunday school class; participates in a weekly Bible Study (The Wired Word) over Zoom with friends across the country

Community ministry/volunteer service: Donate food for A Simple Gesture; volunteered at Cone Elementary school Raising a Reader (one year) and as a teacher support for 2nd grade (about 5 years); volunteered at Teacher Supply Warehouse (one year) and donated school supplies

NOMINEES FOR ELDER, CLASS OF 2024



DANIEL KERNS

Occupation: Farmer

Current church service: Prison Ministry

Previous church service: Chancel Choir, Elder, Nominating Committee.

Community ministry/volunteer service: Guilford County Soil and Water board member. Guilford County Farm board member



REAVES G. KING

Occupation: Commercial Banker

Previous church service: Elder, Nominating Committee

Community ministry/volunteer service: Greensboro Sports Council, Junior Achievement of Central NC, coaching youth sports, Habitat for Humanity



JOSEPH (JOE) LOWMAN

Occupation: Branch Banker at BB&T

Current church service: Currently a member of the young adult small group team

Previous church service: Previously worked in the Giving Back Garden for two years



PATRICIA (TRISH) ELLIOTT MOORE

Occupation: Retired

Previous church service: Encore shop volunteer; Shepherd; Hot Dish & Hope server; caregiver; Nominating Committee; confirmand mentor; co-chair, Stewardship Committee; Weekday Preschool board and chair; Presbyterian Women, circle chair and treasurer; elementary Sunday school teacher



JAMES BROOKS STATON III

Occupation: Vice President of Information Technology for Johnson Brothers Mutual of North Carolina

Previous church service: Served on Project Review Committee for First Presbyterian Church renovation.

Community ministry/volunteer service: Habitat for Humanity; past board member, Eastern Music Festival; past board member, Greensboro Symphony

NOMINEES FOR ELDER, CLASS OF 2024



SAM TURNER

Occupation: Consulting psychologist

Current church service: Racial Task Force Committee Member

Previous church service: Elder, usher, Vacation Bible School teacher, chair of the 30-Day Committee for the Racial Task Force, lay reader, Pastoral Care Committee member, chair of the First School board, member of the Mental Health Ministry Team.

Community ministry/volunteer service: Chair of the Middle School Annual Fund at Greensboro Day School, Member of the Bryan School of Business MBA Advisory Board.



JOHN VERAAR

Occupation: Exterior wholesale construction sales, Snavelly Forest Products

Current church service: Usher, Green Team, First on Friday study group

Previous church service: Several Bible study groups; Habitat construction projects; Shetler Building Task Force; Winter Shelter meals; Hot Dish & Hope; technical & emotional support for PNC Member

Community ministry/volunteer service: Neighborhood Alliance of Forest Oaks, past President; American Red Cross volunteer; Community Theatre of Greensboro, stage manager & set design



RHONDA WAKEFIELD

Occupation: DoD Business Systems Analyst for CACI

Current church service: Youth Formation Committee

Previous church service: Youth Formation Committee 2018 to present; Appointments Committee 2017-2018; Bible school leader 2019; middle school Sunday school teacher

Community ministry/volunteer service: Canterbury School Parents Association Secretary; Canterbury School Parents Association; Families Committee; Earlier.org Breast Cancer Fundraiser in honor of Renee Richards; Guilford Park Presbyterian Preschool Auction Committee



JACKIE WILSON

Occupation: Retired

Current church service: Reception desk volunteer (on hold due to Covid), small group coordinator (on hold due to Covid)

Previous church service: Church school teacher; elder; chair Nominating Committee; chair Church Officer Development; member Outreach Committee; member Food Service Committee; member Publications Committee; StepUp First volunteer

Community ministry/volunteer service: Reading Connections; Higher Ground volunteer; Ten Thousand Villages board; Barnabas Furniture Ministry board.

NOMINEES FOR YOUTH ELDER, CLASS OF 2022



WINSTON CIMINO

Occupation: Student

Current church service: Youth Race Task Force, active youth group member

Previous church service: Online evening prayers with youth leader, Kenya youth mission trip, Hot Dish & Hope volunteer, lay reader

Community ministry/volunteer service: Backpack Beginnings volunteer, NC Fusion Youth Soccer committee member



HOWELL PIERCE

Occupation: Junior in high school at Greensboro Day School

Current church service: Member of Race Task Force as well as youth task force

Previous church service: Online evening prayers with youth leader, Vacation Bible School leader, Youth Leader Search Committee, traveled to Africa with church group

Community ministry/volunteer service: Internship at Gateway Education Center; president of Service Club as well as Operation Smile organization at GDS; Urban Ministry volunteer; traveled to California-Mexico border to volunteer at children's orphanage

NOMINEE FOR TRUSTEE, CLASS OF 2026



GRAHAM E FARLESS

Occupation: Dentist, Farless Dental Group

Current church service: Active member and rotated elder

Previous church service: High school Sunday school teacher; Elder (class of 2018); Worship Committee (chair); Appointments Committee

Community ministry/volunteer service: Missions of Mercy Free Dental Clinics
