



2024 Church Officer Nominees

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purpose of presenting the slate of officer nominees for election.

WHEN: Sunday, March 3: The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary at 11 am. Afterward the worship processional will begin. (Rejoice! worshipers are asked to come for the meeting and may leave afterward.)

PROCESS: 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 10, to elect the officers by a majority vote.

COVENANT 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:

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.

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church:

The 2023 Nominating Committee, consisting of six 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 officers for the Class of 2027.

This year begins our gradual transition toward a Session of 18 elders. As was announced last June, the current Session approved the change after several months of study and conversation about the importance of accountability, continuity, and the ability to delve deep into discernment in order to set strategy. The change will be implemented over three years. This year our slate is comprised of 6 members to be considered as Elders for a three-year term, and one nominee to serve a five-year term as Church Trustee.

Our Committee consisted of a cross-section of members who reviewed and considered recommendations from the congregation and staff. We reflected on the needs of the Church, communicated extensively with each other, and spoke with the selected nominees. In this process, we looked to God for guidance and direction in our work.

The individuals answering our call bring different talents and abilities to their Church service. All, however, are united in their sense of faith and share a commitment to the support and betterment of our Church, its membership and mission. Every nominee has agreed to an Expectation of Covenant (at left) as a tangible expression of his/her commitment to Church service.

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.

Carrie Johnston
2023 Nominating Committee Chair

Committee members: Nancy Moore, vice-chair; Caroline Brantley, Stewart Edmunds, Dan Goley, Alex Harrill, Jeff Hatcher, Brenda Keys, Sally King, Dean Little, David Newman, Kate Pierce, Marty Sumner, Rhonda Wakefield and Todd Williams

ELDER, CLASS OF 2027



NANCY ABRAMS

Occupation: Retired, pharmaceutical representative

Current church service: Chair, Earth Care Team; member, Outreach Committee; co-chair, 2024 Women's Overnight Retreat; co-leader, weekly Bible study

Previous church service: Elder; chair of Sacraments, Church Officer Development, Annual Campaign, Outreach Committee, and CROP Walk; member, Stewardship & Generosity Committee and Sid Batts Transition Team; vice chair, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Outreach position.

Community service: Steering committee, Triad Foam Recycling Coalition; Environmental Stewardship Greensboro; co-chair, Beyond Plastics Greensboro



MARSHALL BROWN

Occupation: Retired, executive director of a business trade association

Current church service: Chair, 200th Anniversary Committee; member, Advance Commitment Team for the 2024 Capital Campaign; 4th-grade teacher for Milestones Class

Previous church service: Elder; chair, 2020 Pastor Nominating and Appointments committees; co-chair, Stewardship and Sacraments committees; member, Church Officer Development and Children's and Youth Formation committees; youth group leader; Confirmation mentor; Sunday School teacher

Community service: Former Boy Scout leader; youth sports coach/volunteer



GRAHAM FARLESS

Occupation: Dentist, owner at Farless Dental Group

Current church service: Trustee, L. Richardson Trust; Confirmation mentor; member,

Young Men's Bible Class

Previous church service: Elder; chair, Worship Committee; Appointments Committee; Confirmation mentor; youth Sunday School teacher

Community service: Backpack Beginnings; Salvation Army; dental services through Cone Health



LEIGH HALEY JONES

Occupation: Retired physician and community volunteer

Current church

service: Youth Committee, Sadye Bowles and Mental Health ministry teams, Confirmation mentor, and co-leader of Faith and Fellowship Bible study group

Previous church service: Elder; Chair of Appointments, Church Officer Development, and Children's Education committees; member of Nominating, Worship, Pastoral Care, and Human Resources committees; elementary Sunday School and Milestone teacher

Community service: Part-time volunteer staff member at Backpack Beginnings, Clothing Pantry Chair; member of United Way of Greater Greensboro's Women United; former trustee at Canterbury School



LORIE JONES

Occupation: Educator

Current church service: Children's committee, Milestones teacher, lay

reader, Sunday School teacher

Previous church service: Vacation Bible School Director (5 years), Nominating committee, Hot Dish & Hope Christmas volunteer

Community service: PTA vice president of volunteers, Driver for Backpack Beginnings, Childhood Enrichment Center consignment sale committee member and sale volunteer, Arboro Empowered volunteer



ANDREW SPAINHOUR

Occupation: Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Replacements, Ltd.

Current church service: Human Resources Committee, Salem Presbytery

Previous church service: Elder, chair, Human Resources and Nominating committees; member, Senior Pastor Nominating and Appointments committees; small group study leader; worship lay reader

Community service: Chair, Board of Directors, Greensboro Public Library Foundation; Legal Aid of North Carolina volunteer; N.C. Commission on Inclusion; Andrea Harris Equity Task Force

TRUSTEE, CLASS OF 2029



TOM NELSON

Occupation: Chief Credit Officer, New Republic Bank

Previous church service: Elder, usher

Community service: Unite Guilford Prison Ministry

CURRENT ELDERS

Class of 2024: Diane Aycock, Holly Ballenger, Claire Davis, Ralph Davison, Claire Driscoll, Joey Fields, Alex Harrill, Anne Hurd, Carrie Johnston, Margee Jones, Dan Kerns, Reaves King, Joe Lowman, Trish Moore, Jim Staton, Sam Turner, John Veraar, Rhonda Wakefield, Jackie Wilson

Class of 2025: Ginger Booker, Sam Bostian, Nicole Chandler, Wendi Cimino, Scott Faircloth, Dan Goley, Ross Harris, Jeff Hatcher, Randy Jackson, Sally King, Libba LaFave, Paul Leonard, Philip Lopp, Nancy Moore, Sam Simpson, John Vanderwerff, Elizabeth Wilson, Charles Younce, Preston Young

CURRENT TRUSTEES OF THE L. RICHARDSON TRUST

Class of 2024: Alex Maultsby; *Class of 2025:* Jim Hegner; *Class of 2026:* Graham Farless; *Class of 2027:* Carole Lesley; *Class of 2028,* Anne Brown