

2026 Church Officer Nominees



Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church:

The 2025 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 2029.

This is the final year of our gradual transition toward a Session of 18 elders. 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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purpose of presenting the slate of officer nominees for election will be held Sunday, March 1 at the start of the 11 am service in the sanctuary. 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 8, to elect officers by a majority vote.

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 right*) 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.

Ross Harris

2025 Nominating Committee Chair

Committee members: Ross Harris, chair; Andrew Spainhour, vice-chair; Lisa Anderson, Elizabeth Bostian, Louise Bristol, Tim Cook, Graham Farless, Walt Howell, Al Lineberry, Sharon Norman, Taylor Ott, Elizabeth Payonk, Tamara Slaughter, Zelle Jester Smith, Doug Stone, Jill Duffield

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

ELDER, CLASS OF 2029

CURRENT ELDERS

Class of 2026

Leigh Abraham, Margaret Arbuckle, Chip Bristol, Trip Brown, Tim Cook, Nancy Courts, Catherine Freeze, Florence Gatten, Clark Hering, Lauren Martin, Paul Parker, Rob Peddrick, Brian Pierce, Richard Prigge, Caroline Showers, Tamara Slaughter, David Thompson, Gay White, Rhonda Youngdahl

Class of 2027

Nancy Abrams, Marshall Brown, Graham Farless, Leigh Jones, Lorie Jones, Andrew Spainhour, Hugh Williams

Class of 2028

Andy Brantley, Allison Cochran, Tom Gillespie, Alice Moore, Anne Wagoner, Hugh Williams

T.J. DRISCOLL



Occupation: Attorney
Current church service: Youth Sunday School, Lay Reader
Previous church service: Confirmation, Milestones, Youth group advisor, Neil's Meals
Community service: Scouting America Troop 216 Outdoor Activities Coordinator, Board Chairman of IRS Employees Federal Credit Union

STU JOHNSTON



Occupation: High school teacher
Current church service: Youth Sunday School teacher, Communications Committee
Previous church service: Youth group advisor, Confirmation mentor, elder, CROP Walk co-chair, Transition Team, Pastor Nominating Committee, Pastoral Residency Committee, Church Officer Nominating Committee, 200th Anniversary Committee
Community service: Youth soccer coach

MADDY LOWMAN



Occupation: Clinical mental health counselor
Current church service: Mental Health Ministry, Lay Reader
Previous church service: Nominating Committee, VBS volunteer, Sunday School speaker, Transition Team, Weekday
Preschool trainer, Women's Retreat presenter.

BILL PINCKARD



Occupation: Business owner/investor
Current church service: YMBC prayer manager, Usher Team, Hot Dish & Hope volunteer, Neil's Meals volunteer.
Previous church service: Shut-in visitation, new visitor follow-up, Elder.
Community service: Habitat for Humanity, Angel Tree bikes for kids, Salvation Army bell ringer, Cycling for MS fund-raiser

JACALYN WHITE



Occupation: Community volunteer
Current church service: Hot Dish & Hope, co-chair of the 2027 Women's Retreat
Previous church service: Christian Education, Appointments, and Nominating committees
Community service: StepUp Greensboro, board member and volunteer

CAROLYN WOODRUFF



Occupation: Attorney
Current church service: Finance and Project Review committees
Previous church service: Shetler Building Task Force

TRUSTEE, CLASS OF 2030

CURRENT TRUSTEES, L. RICHARDSON TRUST

Class of 2026: Graham Farless

Class of 2027: Carole Lesley

Class of 2028: Anne Brown

Class of 2029: Tom Nelson

Class of 2030: Louann Clarke

ROBBY HASSELL



Occupation: Superior Court Judge (emergency), adjunct law professor
Current church service: Chancel Choir, Lay Reader, Hot Dish & Hope volunteer
Previous church service: Elder, deacon, committee chair, APNC member, committee member (HR, FPC 200th Anniversary, Finance, Worship, Nominating, Ch. Officer Dev., Strategic Planning, Discipleship), Adult Ed/ Sunday School teacher, confirmand mentor
Community service: Out of the Garden Project, Peacehaven Farm, Backpack Beginnings, Habitat for Humanity; board member for Greensboro Symphony Endowment Fund, Adult Center for Enrichment, Future Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Downtown Greenway Oversight Committee, Greensboro Bar Association Foundation, Gate City Rotary Club