



# Election of Church Officers

Sunday, November 9, 2025 ♦ 12:00noon  
Sanctuary ♦ Worship & Arts Center

The Nominating and Discernment Committee that is recommending this slate of Officers is comprised of the following ordained Officers of the Church:

**Currently Serving Elders**

Dan Pruitt (Chair)  
Emily Doll (Vice Chair)  
Kent Barber  
Glenn Batson

**Currently Serving Deacons**

Matt Reese  
Michael Rabb  
Leigh Johnstone

**College of Officers**

(ordained but not currently serving Elders and Deacons)  
Bob August

**Pastoral Staff**

(ex officio without vote)  
Richard Gibbons, Senior Pastor  
Mark Hutton, Executive Pastor

## Nominees for Office of Deacon Class of 2028

*Deacons oversee ministries to serve others, just as Jesus came to serve, including distribution to the needy and the ministry of mercy; they also have the responsibility to be servant leaders.*



**LEIGH JOHNSTONE**—Leigh has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. She is Director of Admissions at Christ Church Episcopal School. She has served in ministries which include Relengage Marriage Ministry, Youth Small Group Leader, Choir Helper, VBS Volunteer, and Children’s Sunday School Teacher. She is a member of The Road Sunday Life Group. Leigh is married to Reid, and they have five children, Jamie, B., Cameron, Collin, and Mary Grayson.



**DAVID KIRBY**—David has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2013. He is an Accountant with Greyrock. He is a member of the Journey Sunday Life Group. David is married to Kelly, and they have three children, Emma, Harris, and Robert.



**MICHAEL RABB**—Michael has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2019. He is an Attorney with Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. Michael has served in ministries which include Deacon, Strategic Planning Committee, and leadership in the Gathering Sunday Life Group. Michael is married to Amy and they have one son, John.



**KAREN VAN GALDER**—Karen has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2016. She is a Cashier at The Fresh Market. Karen was the FPC Director of Christian Education, 1983-1989. She has served in ministries which include Greeter, Usher, and VBS. She is a member and teacher of the Next Steps Sunday Life Group.



**SCOTT KABAS**—Scott has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. He is a Retired Cardio-Thoracic surgeon. Scott has served as an usher, lay minister, and Big Brother at Hollis Academy. He is married to Danette and they have two children, Jackson and Alexa.



**DAVID WILLIAMS**—David has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2024. He is a Retired HR Director and has served with the Jobs For Life ministry. He is a member of The Ward Sunday Life Group. David is married to Betsy, and they have three adult children, Laura, Sarah, and Madison, and two grandchildren.



**BRENDA SCHOOLFIELD**—Brenda has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2019. She is an Adjunct History Professor at North Greenville University. She has served in ministries which include the Sanctuary Choir and Hollis Academy Volunteer. Brenda has a daughter, Kate, and a son, Ellis.



**ADAM SUMMER**—Adam has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2022. He works as a Teacher at First Presbyterian Academy and has served as an usher, greeter, and Hollis Academy Volunteer. Adam is a member of the Gathering Sunday Life Group. He is married to Rhyan, and they have two children, Finley and Daniel.



**TED ANGERMEIER**—Ted has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2006. He is the owner of residential construction company, TRUSTED Greenville. He has served with the Hollis Academy Backpack Ministry and is a member of The Gathering Sunday Life Group. He is married to Brooke.



**EMMA SIMMONS**—Emma has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2012. She is a substitute teacher and has served in ministries which include Roots Student Ministry and Children’s Ministry. Emma and her husband, Mason, have one child, Charles.



**TREY ODOM**—Trey has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2023. He is an Attorney at Ataraxia Group, LLC. He has been a member of the Wednesday Night Men’s Bible Study, served in Children’s Ministry and as an FPC Assistant Basketball Coach. Trey is married to AnneMarie, and they have three children, Graham, Worth, and Bishop.

# Eligibility for Nomination as a Church Officer

To be eligible for first-time nomination as an ordained Officer of First Presbyterian Church, candidates must be Covenant Partners of the Church and have completed the Ministry Development Course (MDC), including discussions and prayer with an ordained Officer mentor regarding mutual discernment of calling. MDC topics include Discipleship Basics; Spiritual Gifting and Personal Calling; ECO Essential Tenets; ECO Polity; Missional Living and the Missional Church; Evangelism and Identifying Your Mission; and FPC Strategic Vision. Previously ordained Officers who have not yet taken the updated MDC will plan to do so within their upcoming term. Candidates must also have demonstrated the applicable biblical qualifications as described in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 (Elders) and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 (Deacons). Each candidate has agreed to adhere to the criteria described above.

Prior to the start of the MDC, all Covenant Partners of the congregation were encouraged to participate and to encourage other Covenant Partners to participate. The objectives of the MDC were not only to result in ordained Officer candidates proposed for election, but also to help Covenant Partners grow in their understanding of the topics above, deepen their faith, and advance in their walk with Christ.

Based on the process described above, no nominations for Church Officers will be accepted from the floor during the Congregational Meeting. Once elected, the Officers will be ordained and/or installed at the 11:00am worship service on January 11, 2026.

## Officer Nominations for Three-Year Terms of January 1, 2026–December 31, 2028

The Officers of the Church are typically elected to serve three-year terms, with Officers elected annually to provide staggered terms on the respective governing bodies. The Nominating and Discernment Committee, listed below, is presenting the Officer candidates described within this document for election by the congregation. This slate will be presented in the Congregational Meeting on November 9, 2025; a majority vote is required for election of the slate. In order to vote, you must be present at the meeting as absentee ballots are not allowed.

### Nominees for Office of Elder Class of 2028

*Elders, along with the Pastors, have responsibility and authority for governing and overseeing the congregation and guiding its mission as shepherds of the Flock, with ultimate accountability to the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ.*



**GLENN BATSON**—Glenn has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2003. He is a commercial real estate agent at Spencer Hines Properties in Greenville. Glenn has served in ministries which include Deacon, Congregational Care Committee, Hospital Visitation, and Hollis Academy Mentor. He is a member of The Road Sunday Life Group. Glenn is married to Susan, and they have four children, Laura, Glenn, Emma, and Kathryn Ann, and one grandchild.



**ED BRAKMANN**—Ed has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2020. He is in Finance and Marketing at ERMCO-ECI, Inc. Ed has served as an Elder and Deacon at Presbyterian churches in Florida. He has served in ministries which include Jobs for Life, Strategic Planning, Life Group Leader. He is a member of The Road Sunday Life Group at First Pres. Ed is married to Kimberly, and they have three children, Sara, Charlotte, and Bradley.



**CARL EVANS**—Carl has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2009. He is an Insurance Agent with Health Markets Insurance Co. Carl has served in ministries which include Diaconate Moderator, Congregational Care Leadership Team, Staff Committee, Missions & Evangelism Committee, Pastoral Visitation Committee, Usher, Communion Guild, Greeter, Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study teacher, Christian Men’s Fellowship, Church Historical Tour Guide, Military Ministry, Children’s Sunday School Teacher, and Hollis Academy Mentor. He is a member of the Flock Sunday Life Group. Carl is married to Brenda, and they have four adult children, Brent, Karen, Sara, and Jesse, and two grandchildren.



**FRED GRANT**—Fred has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1981. He is a Retired Restaurant CFO. Fred has served in ministries which include Deacon, FPC Church Treasurer, Project Host, Senior High Advisor and Mission Trip Co-leader, Children’s Sunday School Teacher, and First Presbyterian Academy Board. Fred is a member of the Koinonia Sunday Life Group. He is married to Janet, and they have two adult children, Brian and Laura, and two grandchildren.



**PHILLIP KILGORE**—Phillip has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2013. He is an Attorney with Ogletree Deakins. He has served as an Elder at another Presbyterian Church and as an Usher at FPC. He is a member of the Prime Time Sunday Life Group. Phillip is married to Aline, and they have two children, Harriet and Phillip.



**CAROLINE MULLEN**—Caroline has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2005. She is a teacher at Christ Church Episcopal School. Caroline has served in ministries which include: Deacon, Secretary of the Diaconate, Connections Committee, Chair of Children & Youth Committee, Children’s Sunday School Teacher, Women’s Bible Study Leader, and former FPA Teacher. She is a member of the Foundations Sunday Life Group. She has three children, Victoria, Margaret, and Elizabeth.



**DAN PRUITT**—Dan has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. He is an Attorney with the Dan Pruitt Law Firm. He has served in ministries which include Deacon, Hospital Visitation, Elder/ Deacon Prayer Team, Diaconate liaison to Senior High and Children’s Ministries, Usher, Children’s Ministry, Nominating Committee, Children’s Sunday School Teacher, and VBS. Currently serving as an Elder, Dan has been part of the Worship and Music Committee and has served on the Fine Arts Ministry as Chair of the Performing Arts Subcommittee. Dan is a member of The Road Life Group. He is married to Porter, and they have three children, Haley, Charlie, and William.



**JASON TERRY**—Jason has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2007. He is an Engineer with General Electric. Jason has served in ministries which include Deacon, Greeter, Men’s Ministry, Hollis Academy Ministry, Children’s Ministry, Hospital Visitation, Support Groups, Usher, Flower Ministry, Touchpoint Ministry, Relengage Marriage Ministry, and a Missional Community Group. He is a member and teacher of the Foundations Sunday Life Group. Jason is married to Jeanette, and they have two children, Delaney and Campbell.



**BOB AUGUST**—Bob has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1995. He is an attorney with Merline & Meacham, P.A. Bob has served in ministries which include Deacon (Prayer and Huddle), Men’s Ministry Chair, Ignite Worship Team, Youth Basketball Coach, and WOW and Youth Worship Leader. Bob is a member of the Flock Sunday Life Group. He is married to Doane, and they have four children Diana, Robert Jr., John, and David.



**JONATHAN BARRINGTON**—Jonathan has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2014. He is a CPA with Elliott Davis. Jonathan has served in ministries which include Deacon, Care Committee, Children’s Ministry volunteer, and FPC Foundation Board. He is a member of the Journey Sunday Life Group. Jonathan is married to Caroline, and they have two daughters, Helen and Louise, and a son, Edward.



**CHAD BROWN**—Chad has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2009. He is an Engineer with Dodge Power Transmission Inc. Chad has served in ministries which include Deacon, Usher, Hollis Academy Volunteer, Financial Peace, and Hospital Visitation. Chad and his family are a part of a Missional Community that meets in the North Main Neighborhood. He is married to Carey, and they have two daughters, Sloan and McKenzie.



**STEVEN HARVIN**—Steven has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2017. He is in Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance Sales with First Citizens Bank. Steven has served in ministries which include Deacon and Girls’ Basketball Team Coach. He rotates between the Journey and The Gathering Sunday Life Groups. Steven is married to Lauren and they have one daughter, Mae.



**KATHERINE GAINER**—Katherine has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2021. She is a retired teacher from North Carolina. She has served as an Elder and on the Officer Nominating Committee in Presbyterian churches in Florida and North Carolina. At First Pres she has served in ministries which include Choir member, Children’s Choir, Healing Prayer Ministry, Summer Music Camp, and VBS/Day Missions. She has a daughter, Loretta, and one grandchild.