

Nominees for Office of
Deacon Class of 2029

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.



NATHAN BANKS—Nathan has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2022. He is an Appraiser with Precision Realty Services. Nathan has served in ministries which include Fine Arts events, Usher, Jobs for Life, and Event Operations Subcommittee. He is married to Katherine, and they are members of The Gathering Sunday Life Group. They have one daughter, MaryHixon.



DREW BOLAND—Drew has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2013. He works in Commercial Banking at Huntington National Bank. Drew has served in ministries which include Deacon, Youth Ministry, and Children’s Ministry. He is a member of the Journey/Foundations Sunday Life Group. Drew is married to Jennifer, and they have three children, Kathleen, Andrew, and Thomas.



JIM BOYLAN—Jim has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2001. He is an Accounting Manager at Pacolet Milliken. He has served in ministries which include Children’s Ministry and Day Missions. He is a member of The Flock Sunday Life Group. He is married to Janice, and they have two daughters, Hannah and Kaylee.



STACEY BRADSHAW—Stacey has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2012. She is a Homemaker. Stacey has served in ministries which include Deacon, Hollis Academy Ministry, Missions, Hospital Ministry, Children’s Ministry, and Radiance leader. Stacey attends The Road Sunday Life Group with her husband Richard. They have three children, Brittany Melnado, Tyler Bradshaw, and Kaitlyn Shuman, and six grandchildren.



HAMPTON COLLINS IV—Hampton has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2022. He is a Physician with Internal Medicine of Greenville. He has served in ministries which include Men’s Bible Study, Children’s Ministry, and Youth Basketball. He is married to Meagan, and they have three children, Vivion, Elliot, and Wade.



ANDREW DANIEL—Andrew has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2000. He is a Finance Manager. He has served in ministries which include Greeter and Hollis Academy. He attends the Journey Sunday Life Group. He is married to Elizabeth, and they have two children, Spearman and Burns.



CHRISTOPHER MARTIN—Christopher has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1996. He is self-employed. He has served as an Usher and in Missions. He and his wife Barbara attend the Ecclesia Sunday Life Group.



JOY MCMANUS—Joy has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2020. She is a Purchasing Specialist with ScanSource. She has served in ministries which include Deacon, Greeter, Usher, Grace Bereavement, Day Missions, Children’s Ministry Buddy, and Events Operations Volunteer. Joy attends the Vine Sunday Fellowship Group. She has one daughter, Katie Ingle (Nathan), and twin granddaughters, Abner Kate and Gracie.



ANDY NEWTON—Andy has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2019. He is an Industrial Sales Territory Manager with I&M Industrials. He has served as a teacher in Children’s Ministry, and is a member of the Journey Sunday Life Group. He is married to Caroline, and they have two children, Bridges and Hopkins.



LUKE O’STEEN—Luke has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2025. He is a Dermatologist with Anderson Skin and Cancer Clinic. He has served in Men’s Ministry and is a member of the Journey Sunday Life Group. He is married to Lea, and they have four children, James, John, Annalise, and Abigail.



MIKE SENN SR.—Mike has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2022. He is the Chief Operating Officer at Asset Enterprises. He has served in the Operation Christmas Child mission project and attends a men’s Bible study. In his former Presbyterian Church, he served as Deacon, Diaconate Chair, Elder, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and Operations Committee Chair. He is married to Adair, and they have one son, Nelson.



JOHNNY VASTAG—Johnny has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2021. He is a Civil Engineer with Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc. He has served in ministries which include Deacon, Life Connections, Greeter, Usher, Liverpool Mission Trip (2022), Music Events, and Youth retreats. Johnny is a member of The Gathering Sunday Life Group and is married to Jess.



MIKE WEST—Mike has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2016. He is an EVP and HR Director at Arthur State Bank. He has served in ministries which include Usher and Jobs for Life. He is a member of The Road Sunday Life Group, and is married to Melisa.



**Election of
Church Officers**

**Sunday, November 15, 2026 ♦ 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

Bob August
Kent Barber
Glenn Batson
Emily Doll
Dan Pruitt, Chairman

Currently Serving Deacons

Leigh Johnstone
Michael Rabb
Matt Reese
Ted Angermeier

College of Officers

David Dixon
Mack Ward

Pastoral Staff

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

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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 an 11:00am worship service in January 2027.

Officer Nominations for Three-Year Terms of January 1, 2027–December 31, 2029

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 on the front of this brochure, 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 15, 2026; 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 2029

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.



DREW BROWN—Drew has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1996. He is business owner and Vice President of Godshall Staffing. Drew has served in ministries which include Send International, Deacon, Usher, President of the Crossroads Sunday School Class, ReJengage Marriage Enrichment, and Youth Basketball Coach. Drew is married to Julie, and they have two children, Alex and Hayden.



WILLIAM BROWN V—William has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2009. He is a United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court. He has served as a Sunday School teacher for 3–5-year-olds and as an usher. William is a member of The Well Sunday Life Group. He is married to Heyward, and they have four children, Thomas, Mary Evelyn, August, and Margaret, and one grandchild.



JOEL CORLEY—Joel has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. He is a Validation Consultant at Corley Solutions, LLC. He has served in ministries which include Elder, Deacon, Stephen Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Hospital Visitation Ministry, Usher, and Greeter Guild.



LEE DIXON—Lee has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2010. He is a Certified Public Accountant and the Chief Operations Officer of Nelson Mullins law firm. Lee is an ECO Commissioned Lay Pastor, and at FPC he has served as an Elder, Chair of the Leadership and Governance Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, member of the Staff Committee, and leader of the Gathering and the Flock Sunday Life Groups. He has also served as an Elder in two prior Presbyterian Churches and on the staff of First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem, NC, as the Chief Operating Officer and leader of Men’s Ministry. Lee is married to Margaret, and they have two children and five grandchildren.



EMILY DOLL—Emily has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2009. She is a Mental Health Counselor (LPC) with Carolina Counseling Partners in Greenville. Emily is currently serving as chair of the Congregational Care Committee and vice chair of the First Presbyterian Academy Board. She also serves on the Missions Committee and has served in ministries which include Stephen Ministry, Hollis Academy, and The Art of Parenting class leader. She has participated in two mission trips to Liverpool, England, and serves on the U.S. Board of Directors of Pars Theological Centre. Emily is married to Josh, and they have one son, Maddux.



CHARLES DUKE—Charles has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2008. He is a Management Consultant with Moss Waters LLC. He has served in the Men’s Ministry, and a Blended Families Ministry in a former church. He is married to Beth, and they have six children, Chas, Haywood, Sterling, Maggie, Clayton, and Libbi, and two grandchildren.



RUSSELL GUEST—Russell has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1995. He is an Attorney with Guest & Brady, LLC. Russell has served in ministries which include Elder, Deacon, Diaconate Moderator, Marriage and Family Committee, Usher Guild, Hospital Visitation, Life Connections, Stewardship Committee, Staff Committee, Hollis Academy Steering Committee, Hollis Feed the Children Ministry and Mentor, Children’s Sunday School teacher, Adult Sunday Life Group teacher, Men’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Short-Term Missions. He is a member of the Flock Sunday Life Group. Russell is married to Darst and they have three children, Morgan (Isaac), Branson (Maddie), and Kori, and one grandchild.



CARLTON MANLEY—Carlton has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1978. He owns The Manley Co., Inc., of Simpsonville. He has served in ministries which include Elder, Deacon, Staff Committee, Lay Renewal Team, Youth Ministry, Men’s Discipleship Ministry, and Sunday Life Group President. Carlton is a member of the Cornerstone Sunday Life Group. He is married to Belinda; they have three adult children, Ellison, Matthew, and Andrew, and four grandchildren.



RUSSELL P. (RIP) PARKS—Rip has been a member of First Presbyterian Church from 1984 to 1991 and subsequently since 2011. He is a Healthcare Architect and founding principal of ParksConsult, LLC. He has served in ministries which include Deacon, Chair of the Visual Arts Ministry, Fine Arts Committee, Mission trips to the DR and Liverpool, and Education Coordinator for the Flock Sunday Life Group. Rip is a member of the Flock Sunday Life Group and is married to Edith.



TONY POTEAT JR.—Tony has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. He is an Internal Medicine Doctor with Internal Medicine Associates. He has served in ministries which include Deacon, Congregational Care Committee, Hospital Visitation, Usher, and Greeter. He is married to Elizabeth, and they have two children, Thomas and Sarah, and two grandchildren.



THOMAS WILCOX—Thomas has been a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church since 2006. He is a Wealth Advisor for McBee Avenue Wealth Advisors. Thomas has served in ministries which include Elder, Deacon, President of the Crossroads Sunday Life Group, Youth small group leader, Missions and Outreach Committee, Strategic Planning Leadership Team, Nominating Committee, Christian Education Committee, Finance Committee, and Worship & Arts Committee. He is married to Amy, and they have three children, Caroline, Roe, and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren.