

CALLED TO SERVE

In the Presbyterian Church we ordain men and women to specific forms of service. The ordained offices of the church go back to the days of Moses, when God ordained 70 elders to share the work of ministry (Numbers 11:16-17), and also to the first church in Jerusalem which ordained deacons to better serve the least of those in their community (Acts 6:1-6).

All are called to serve God in various ways with their gifts, and yet the church has set aside the offices of Ruling Elder, Deacon, and Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacrament) to serve God's Church through particular functions. Ordination as an Elder or a Deacon is not an honor conferred, nor does it make one holier or wiser; but rather it is a confirmation of one's calling to use his or her gifts for God's church.

God is calling new Ruling Elders and Deacons to serve our congregation. The Church's **Nominating Committee** is responsible for placing nominees for the offices of Deacon and Elder before the congregation. Please consider the requirements for Ruling Elder and Deacon and, using the forms on the back of this paper, recommend members to serve who have demonstrated strong faith, dedicated discipleship and a love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

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First (Scots) Presbyterian Church 2019 Nominating Committee

PRINCIPALS – CLASS OF 2019

Todd Garrett, Elder (Chair)
Craig Hanson, Elder
Ann-Marie Charlton, Diaconate
Harvey Mason, Diaconate
Jules Anderson, At Large
Jim Buckley, At Large
Pam Green, At Large
Mikell Harper, At Large
Beth Morrison, At Large
Anneliese Bernat, Youth

ALTERNATES – CLASS OF 2020

Amy Shubert, Elder
Barbara Spell, Elder
Betts Gatewood, Diaconate
Tod Williams, Diaconate
Harold Davis, At Large
Robert Hawk, At Large
Rick Hegenberger, At Large
Gamble Ouzts, At Large
Jane Ray, At Large
Jack Bucknam, Youth

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church *Ruling Elders (Session)*

CLASS OF 2019

Thomas Powell Anderson
Catherine Doscher Byrd
Todd Patterson Garrett
Lynn Graves
James A. Ham
Craig Ireland Hanson
Steven Harth
Rebekah Hughes Unger

CLASS OF 2020

Keith Lindsey Blake
Elizabeth Reynolds Garrett
Elizabeth Childers Hamilton
Elizabeth McKeown Martin
John Hugh McNeill
James Harry Robbins, Jr.
Amy Elizabeth Shubert
Barbara Propst Spell

CLASS OF 2021

Margaret McDonald Bouch
G. Robert George
Gregory Arthur Hider
Greer Cowden Hostetter
Elizabeth Fant Jones
John Stevenson Metcalf
Bradley Sean Morrison
Lloyd Arthur Pearson
John Allen White, Jr. (youth)

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church *Deacons (Diaconate)*

CLASS OF 2019

Elizabeth Biggers Bernat
Ann-Marie Charlton
Sharon Bryan Dillon
Anne Haas Dukes
Ruth Walton Edwards
Leslie Morris Fellabom
George Daniel Flynn
Erika H. Marshall
Harvey Jacobs Mason

CLASS OF 2020

Robert Lambdin Dawson
Betts Hunter Gatewood
Joshua John Osborn Gregory
Charles Tapley Gresham
William Patrick Moore
Pamela Saulsbury Wall
John Allen White, Sr.
Theophilus Darius Williams, IV
Susan Deemer Witty

CLASS OF 2021

Elizabeth Norene Evans
Rosa Rachel Herbert
Rebecca Louise Key Johnson
Ashley Steele Nutley
Michelle Carey Parks
Rachel Ilene Remsburg
Brent David Sausser
Matthew Robert Spath
Dorothy George Thaxton
Stephen Walsh Holderness, IV
(youth)

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS:

RULING ELDERS ✝ DEACONS ✝ MEMBERS AT-LARGE



Enclosed: position responsibilities and requirements, nomination forms

RULING ELDERS:

THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

“Congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they ‘lord it over’ the congregation, but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life” (G-2.03).

Responsibilities of a Ruling Elder:

- Participate in officer training in the spring
- Serve faithfully as members of the session, the council of the local church
- Serve as commissioners when elected to higher church councils, including presbytery
- Provide for the worship, nurture and service of the people of God
- Assist in worship, serving as a Worship Greeter and Communion Server
- Equip and renew the people of God for their mission in the world
- Serve on at least one ministry committee
- Participate in retreats and joint leadership meetings with the deacons
- Serve as “Elder on Call,” providing support to families during funeral services and making visits at the direction of the pastor
- Participate in the regular worship life and fellowship activities of the congregation, including special services and events
- Receive new members and review the roll of the active members annually
- Provide programs of nurture, education and fellowship
- Encourage generosity and faithful stewardship of personal and financial resources

RECOMMENDATION FOR NOMINATION to the Office of Ruling Elder

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for the office of Ruling Elder using this form. Please return this form to the church office when completed. It is not required that one has been a Deacon to be nominated as a Ruling Elder. You must ask your candidate if he or she is eligible and willing to serve if nominated and elected.

The deadline to receive nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019.

I wish to suggest _____ for the office of Ruling Elder.
(Name of prospective nominee)

I have asked this candidate if he/she is eligible and willing to serve if nominated:

Yes / No (circle one)

Candidate’s contact information: _____ (email)
_____ (phone)

Please share some qualifications of this individual to serve as a Church Officer:

_____ (attach an additional page if needed)

Circle any ministry areas which you think may align with this person’s gifts:

Local Missions, World Missions, Evangelism, Property, Congregational Care, Worship,
Personnel, Finance, Stewardship, Fellowship, Christian Education

SIGNED:

*Please know that there will be more nominees than there will be Elders called to serve at this time.

DEACONS:

THE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE

“The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgement should be chosen for this office” (G-2.02).

Responsibilities of a Deacon:

To minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith

Other duties assigned by the session:

- Participate in officer training in the spring
- Attend monthly board meetings
- Serve on at least one ministry committee
- Participate in retreats and joint leadership meetings with the session
- Assist with worship as an usher, offering collector, or coffee greeter 8-9 times per year
- Serve as “Deacon on Call” twice a year, providing support to families during funeral services and making visits at the direction of the pastor
- Participate in the regular worship life and fellowship activities of the congregation, including special services and events
- Contact church members during stewardship season and at other times as a matter of congregational care
- Encourage generosity and faithful stewardship of personal and financial resources

RECOMMENDATION FOR NOMINATION to the Office of the Diaconate

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for the office of the Diaconate using this form. Please return this form to the church office when completed. You must ask your candidate if he or she is eligible and willing to serve if nominated and elected.

The deadline to receive nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019.

I wish to suggest _____ for the office of Deacon.
(Name of prospective nominee)

I have asked this candidate if he/she is eligible and willing to serve if nominated:

Yes / No (circle one)

Candidate’s contact information: _____ (email)
_____ (phone)

Please share some qualifications of this individual to serve as a Church Officer:

_____ (attach an additional page if needed)

Circle any ministry areas which you think may align with this person’s gifts:

Local Missions, World Missions, Evangelism, Property, Congregational Care, Worship,
Personnel, Finance, Stewardship, Fellowship, Christian Education

SIGNED:

*Please know that there will be more nominees than there will be Deacons called to serve at this time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Responsibility of the Nominating Committee:

- Placing nominees for the offices of Deacon and Ruling Elder before the congregation.
- Requirements for the Candidate:
Candidates for the Nominating Committee shall be regular and contributing members of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church and shall also have been members for at least three years. They may not be in active service on the Session or Board of Deacons.

I wish to nominate:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

You must ask your candidate if he or she is eligible and willing to serve if nominated and elected. Please return this form to the church office when completed.

The deadline to receive nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019.

SIGNED:

*Please know that there will be more nominees than there will be those called to serve as members at large at this time.