

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.

The Nominating Committee will present their slate of nominees at a congregational meeting on **Sunday, March 26th**. Please keep their work in your thoughts and prayers!

*First (Scots) Presbyterian Church
53 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401*

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church 2023 Nominating Committee

PRINCIPALS – CLASS OF 2023

Nancy Hanson, Elder
Mark Zuraw, Elder
Sugar Slabaugh, Deacon
Shannon Ravenel, Deacon
Tom Dukes, At Large
Jessica Garrett, At Large
Mary Nance Huff, At Large
Kitty McEaddy, At Large
John Witty, At Large
Will LeClercq, Youth

ALTERNATES - CLASS OF 2024

Chris Bucknam, Elder
Greg Jones, Elder
Margaret Todd Truluck, Deacon
Adam Yount, Deacon
Bob Baldwin, At Large
Margaret Bouch, At Large
Elizabeth McAnally, At Large
Carol Ann Smalley, At Large
Bill Moore, At Large

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church Ruling Elders (Session)

CLASS OF 2023

Hayley Stewart Carter
Robert Lambdin Dawson
Ruth Walton Edwards
George Daniel Flynn
Nancy Anne Hanson
Steven Harth
Linda Fleming Stout
Mark Kyle Zuraw
James Hammond Unger

CLASS OF 2024

Jenkins McDowell Bailey
Christian Hobby Bucknam
Scott Chadwick Evans
Robert Herrick Hurd
Gregory Alan Jones
Shirley Maria Tita Massie
Ashley Steele Nutley
Theophilus Darius Williams IV

CLASS OF 2025

John William Callahan III
Frank Strait Fairey
G. Robert George
Anne Waters Jackson
Thomas Phillip Johnson
Karen Padgett Prewitt
Whitemarsh S. Smith III
Matthew Robert Spath

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church Deacons (Diaconate)

CLASS OF 2023

Chantal North-Coombes Byrne
Emmie Aichele Dawson
Patrick Lanice Dollason
Susan Castles Leland
Anne Hawk LeClercq
Meredith Ashley Mason
Elizabeth Baggett Riddle
John Edward Robinson
Jeanne Garbee Slabaugh
William Lanneau Siegling

CLASS OF 2024

Ann Harrison Anderson
Karen Barber Danielowski
Virginia Chaplin Maybank
Gregory Lee McKenzie
Lindsey Joan Melville
John Todd Plaxco
Delia Hipp Pridgen
Margaret Todd Truluck
Adam Noah Yount

CLASS OF 2025

Melissa Ann Barton
Courtney Armstrong Buxton
Ansley Sade Feussner
Wesley Earle Henderson
Danielle Ayn Hood
Everett James McCubrey
Margaret Ann Pearson
Deborah G. Rice-Marko
Emily Heavener Warr

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS:

RULING ELDERS † DEACONS

AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

**OFFICE OF RULING ELDER
(Class of 2026)**

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for the office of Ruling Elder using this form. Nominees for Elder should be regular worshippers and contributing members of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, be actively engaged in fellowship and service opportunities, shall have been members of our church family for at least three years and not currently have a family member on the same council for which they are being nominated. 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 a three year term (student Elders will serve a term of one year) if nominated and elected.

ELDER: A 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” (Book of Order, G-2.0301).

Responsibilities of a Ruling Elder:

- Participate in officer training on Wednesday, April 12th, 19th, and 26th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Attend in the service of Ordination/Installation on Sunday, June 25th.
- Participate in a new officer examination that will happen on either Saturday, May 20th or Monday, May 22nd.
- Faithfully watch over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service, i.e., Greeter, Communion Server, Elder on-call, etc. and attend monthly Session meetings.
- Share in governance and discipline, serving on the councils of the church, and in their ministry try to show the love of Jesus Christ.

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

Please share with your candidate that their nomination does not necessarily mean that they will be called to serve at this time as there will likely be more nominees than the 8 Elders (and 1 student Elder) who will be asked to serve.

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)

In the space provided and in your own words, please share some qualifications of this individual to serve as a Church Officer:

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023.**

**OFFICE OF DEACON
(Class of 2026)**

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for the office of Deacon using this form. Nominees for Deacon should be regular worshippers and contributing members of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, be actively engaged in fellowship and service opportunities, shall have been members of our church family for at least three years and not currently have a family member on the same council for which they are being nominated. You must ask your candidate if he or she is eligible and willing to serve a three year term (student Deacons will serve a term of one year) if nominated and elected.

DEACON: A 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” (Book of Order, G-2.0201).

Responsibilities of a Deacon:

- Participate in officer training on Wednesday, April 12th, 19th, and 26th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Attend in the service of Ordination/Installation on Sunday, June 25th.
- Participate in a new officer examination that will happen on either Saturday, May 20th or Monday, May 22nd.
- Teach charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need and attend monthly Diaconate meetings.
- Serve on the councils of the church and engage in other service opportunities, i.e., Usher, Offering Collector, Greeter, Deacon on-call, etc.

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

Please share with your candidate that their nomination does not necessarily mean that they will be called to serve at this time as there will likely be more nominees than the 9 Deacons (and 1 student Deacon) who will be asked to serve.

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)

In the space provided and in your own words, please share some qualifications of this individual to serve as a Church Officer:

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(Member at-large, Class of 2025)**

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for “at-large” membership within the 2025 Nominating Committee. 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. You must ask your candidate if he or she is eligible and willing to serve if nominated and elected. Please share with your candidate that their nomination does not necessarily mean that they will be called to serve at this time as there will likely be more nominees than the 5 at-large members (and 1 student at-large member for the class of 2024) who will be asked to serve.

Responsibility of the Nominating Committee:

Place officer nominations before the congregation and other nominating duties as may be assigned by the Session from time to time.

I wish to nominate:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

Yes / No (circle one)

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

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