

## 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, April 27th**. Please keep their work in your thoughts and prayers!

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

### First (Scots) Presbyterian Church 2025 Nominating Committee

#### PRINCIPALS – CLASS OF 2025

Anne Jackson, Elder  
Matt Spath, Elder  
Ansley Feussner, Deacon  
Margaret Ann Pearson, Deacon  
Jules Anderson, At Large  
Gordon Bondurant, At Large  
Lisa Heape, At Large  
Dave Neff, At Large  
Doug Snyder, At Large  
Hazel Bello, Youth

#### ALTERNATES - CLASS OF 2026

JaneMcNeill, Elder  
Elizabeth Riddle, Elder  
Lisle Henderson, Deacon  
Michelle Parks, Deacon  
Ann Anderson, At Large  
Josh Gregory, At Large  
Craig Hanson, At Large  
Linda Stout, At Large  
Jay White, At Large

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

#### 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  
Margaret D. Wall, youth

#### CLASS OF 2026

Julianne Farnworth  
Byron Carlisle Frick, II  
Lynn C. Graves  
John Edward Marko, Jr.  
Elizabeth McKeown Martin  
Jane Carlton McNeill  
Elizabeth Baggett Riddle  
John Edward Robinson

#### CLASS OF 2027

Jon Christopher Carter  
Sharon Dillon  
Brenda S. Dukes  
Todd Patterson Garrett  
Ryan Walker Glenn  
Harvey Jacobs Mason  
David Brian McCormack  
Clarissa Crow McKenzie

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

#### CLASS OF 2025

Courtney Armstrong Buxton  
Ansley Sade Feussner  
Wesley Earle Henderson  
Danielle Ayn Hood  
Susan Castles Leland  
Everett James McCubrey IV  
Margaret Ann Pearson  
Deborah G. Rice-Marko  
Emily Heavener Warr  
Susannah Spath, youth

#### CLASS OF 2026

Lawrence E. Childers, Jr.  
Legare Westfall Gresham  
Lisle Mason Henderson  
Virginia Sellars Liner  
Michelle Carie Parks  
Helen Mayrelle Semken  
Catherine Hunter Smith  
Jason Bradley Wall  
Heidi Speissegger Whaley

#### CLASS OF 2027

Elizabeth Biggers Bernat  
Bonnie Stevenson Hutson  
Elizabeth West Johnson  
Joanne McWaters Mauldin  
Kathryn King Rhodes  
Anna Shealy Smith  
Matthew Daniel Thomas  
Emily Susan Topham  
John Allen White, Sr.

# 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 2028)**

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for the office of Ruling Elder using this form. Nominees for Elder shall be regular worshippers and financially 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 an immediate family member serving on the Session or as a member of the Nominating Committee. 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, if nominated and elected. Student Elders will serve a term of one year.

**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 30 and Wednesday, May 14 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. (plus video training)
- Attend the service of Ordination/Installation on Sunday, June 29.
- Participate in a new officer examination on Monday, May 19, 6 p.m.
- 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 committees 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 the nominee if they are willing to serve if called upon.  
(This box must be checked for nominees to be considered.)**

Nominee’s contact information: \_\_\_\_\_ (email)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (phone)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE DEADLINE TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS IS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025.**

**OFFICE OF DEACON  
(Class of 2028)**

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for the office of Deacon using this form. Nominees for Deacon shall be regular worshippers and financially 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 an immediate family member serving on the Diaconate or as a member of the Nominating Committee. You must ask your candidate if he or she is eligible and willing to serve a three year term, if nominated and elected. Student Deacons will serve a term of one year.

**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 reputation, 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 30 and Wednesday, May 14 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. (plus video training)
- Attend the service of Ordination/Installation on Sunday, June 29.
- Participate in a new officer examination on Monday, May 19, 6 p.m.
- 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 committees 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 the nominee if they are willing to serve if called upon.  
(This box must be checked for nominees to be considered.)**

Nominee’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 Deacon:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
(Member at-large, Class of 2027)**

The **Nominating Committee** invites recommendations for nominees for “at-large” membership within the 2027 Nominating Committee. Candidates for the Nominating Committee shall be regular and financially 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 for the class of 2027. The youth member for the class of 2026 shall be nominated in consultation with our Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families.

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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 will be asked to serve.

**I have asked the nominee if they are willing to serve if called upon.  
(This box must be checked for nominees to be considered.)**

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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