

*Listed below is the slate of officers to be presented
by the Nominating Committee at the
Congregational Meeting
on Sunday, November 28, 2021
Statements of Faith for those nominated
for the office of Elder is included.*

Elders

Class of 2024— Three year ter

Brenna Takata

Barbara Wilkins

David Swann

Kathy Dolianitis

Jackie Rochford, alternate

Elders, Class of 2022

Ray Beale

David Clark

Bernadine Hayes

Joyce Perez

Elders, Class of 2023

Barry Cutright (2yr term)

Susan Mathena

Kim Meadows

John David Parris

Trustee

Class of 2024—Three year term

Bob Newnam

Ray Beale, *Class of 2023*

Jay Hayes, *Class of 2022*

Nominating Committee 2022

Barry Cutright, Chair

Leigh Blount

Ava Barrett

Harriet Beale

Gary Wimer

Congregation members are reminded that the Presbyterian way allows nominations from the floor for any of the above officers (Book of Order, G-14.0202e). These can be made at the congregational meeting; however, prior consent of the nominee is required.

STATEMENTS OF PERSONAL FAITH

Candidates for Elder, Class of 2024

Kathy Dolianitis

I believe that God is the creator of all things, and that the Bible is God's perfect word for us to follow day by day. I believe that God shared His love for all of his people by sending His most precious son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and our salvation so that we might have eternal life with God in Heaven. Alleluia! For God to me is the Trinity, an eternal loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He leads me and guides me daily, and I can trust in Him in all things and in all ways. Proverbs 3:5-6 is one of my most favorite scripture verses and by reading it each morning, I know that I can trust in Him with all my heart and not lean on my own thoughts and understandings of things. I do acknowledge Him in all ways and trust in Him to guide me along the paths of life's journey. It is my hope and prayer that I can honor Christ in all areas of my life, as well as in my thoughts and through my actions at home and in the community. I was raised in a loving and Christian home in Winter Park, Florida, and was active in the church in many ways. Participating in activities at the church was a big part of our family's weekly schedule. Being a part of our church, growing in God's love was and is for me such a special blessing and influence in my life. I was involved in Sunday school, choir, youth group, and a dramatic and musical group called the Beautiful Mix that traveled throughout Central Florida spreading God's word and sharing it with so many others. God has blessed my life in so many ways, and I am proud to be His precious child and spread the gospel wherever he may lead me to do so. It would be a great privilege and honor to use the gifts that God has blessed me with to serve this church faithfully in whatever way that I can.

David Swann

I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I believe as Jeremiah 17:7 states "blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord." And from Colossians 3:17 "whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the father through Him." I promise to be a truthful and faithful member in fellowship at First Presbyterian and support the church in outreach and communion.

STATEMENTS OF PERSONAL FAITH

Candidates for Elder, Class of 2024

Brenna Takata

I look to the Lord for Guidance and believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. My church family has strengthened and renewed my faith in God. This church leads me to know Christ and to make him known.

Barbara Wilkins

I believe there is one God made of three persons— God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe that I have eternal life by accepting God’s gift of salvation and believing that Jesus is the Son of God who died for my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord of Heaven and Earth; is the incarnation of God, fully divine and fully human. My salvation is not based on works but on God’s grace. I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, relevant to every time and place. I believe in John 14:6 in which Jesus says, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” and in Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Jackie Rochford– alternate

I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that the Holy Spirit is working through me to help me live the life that God has laid out for me. I am striving to use the talents and resources the Lord has blessed me with to help others who are experiencing difficulties in life. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I am seeking to better understand and follow the Lord’s Word. While I know I will always be a sinner, I am trying to put aside my pride and selfishness, more fully love others, and live my life with the true understanding that the Lord watches over all of us and answers our prayers in His time and in the way we truly need them answered. The First Presbyterian Church has become family, helping me grow in faith and understand and accept God’s grace and love for us.

STATEMENTS OF PERSONAL FAITH

Candidates for Elder, Class of 2024

Robert G. Newnam

I believe God created the universe and our earth. Through the ages He has attempted to impart knowledge about himself through nature, the Hebrew people, and the Bible. He sent many prophets, especially Jesus, who explained that God loved his creation and gave us the opportunity to be redeemed through his sacrifice for us. Since we fall short of the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments, we need salvation through Christ. We can learn more about our Creator each day in the three manifestations of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

AGENDA

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Establishment of Quorum

Election of Clerk

Report of Nominating Committee

Election of Elders Class of 2024

Election of Trustee (2024)

Approval of Minutes

Benediction

ORDINATION VOWS

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. (For Elder) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
10. (For Deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
11. (For Minister of the Word) Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in word and sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in courts of the church, and, in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

NOMINATIONS FORM THE FLOOR

From the Session

Although a Presbyterian congregation entrusts its Nominating Committee to present to it the best slate of names for church office, it has the right to nominate people from the floor of the congregational meeting. IN most churches this is rare and should be done prayerfully and carefully.

Before nominating a person from the floor, that person should be contacted to determine if he/she is able/willing to fulfill the responsibilities of the office. The person nominated should know what duties he/she is assuming and agree to them. Will this person be able to attend the monthly committee and board meeting? Church offices should never be used to coax inactive members back into the church nor used to award member for whatever reason. Because a person has been a member many years is not sufficient grounds for making him/her an officer.

Most importantly, much thought should be given to whether the person nominated will bring a healthy attitude, spirit and behavior to the work of the church. Will this person build up and strengthen the church? Will this person encourage fellow officers in this challenging work? Will this person take seriously all of his/her ordination vows?

ELDERS (SESSION)

The session is responsible for the mission and government of the particular church. Its duties include, but are not limited to, the responsibility...

- ❖ to provide opportunities for evangelism to be learned and practiced in and by the church, that members may be better equipped to articulate their faith, to witness in word and deed to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and to invite persons into a new life in Christ
- ❖ to lead the congregation in participation in the mission of the whole Church in the world
- ❖ to provide for the worship of the people of God, including the preaching of the Word, the sharing of the Sacraments, and for the music program
- ❖ to provide for the growth of its members and for their equipment for ministry through personal and pastoral care, educational programs, sharing in fellowship and mutual support, and opportunities for witness and service in the world
- ❖ to challenge the people of God with the privilege of responsible Christian stewardship of money and time and talents, developing effective ways for encouraging and gathering the offerings of the people and assuring that all offerings are distributed to the objects toward which they were contributed
- ❖ to establish the annual budget, determine the distribution of the church's benevolences, and order offerings for Christian purposes, providing full information to the congregation of its decisions in such matters
- ❖ to lead the congregation continually to discover what God is doing in the world and
- ❖ to plan for change, renewal, and reformation under the Word of God to provide for the administration of the program of the church, including employment of non-ordained staff to provide for the management of the property of the church
- ❖ to serve in judicial matters in accordance with the Rules of Discipline
- ❖ to keep an accurate roll of the membership of the church

Thanks

Many thanks to our Nominating Committee who worked so hard this year in putting together this years slate of officers. We would like to thank their hard work and dedication to this important ministry of the church.

Joyce Perez, Chair
Leigh Blount
Gene Hayes
Dickie Green
Barbara Wilkins
Brenna Takata
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart