

LEADERSHIP VOTE

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

The life of the congregation is enriched by the many different kinds of service that members offer. This represents an expression of Paul's great picture of the church as the body of Christ, with each member contributing to the health of the whole. (I Corinthians 12)

Congregational leadership is one important area of service in the church. Each year, members of First Presbyterian Church are called by the congregation to exercise a ministry of leadership within the church as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. These are distinctive leadership roles, calling for particular gifts and commitment.

SELECTION

Our collection of nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees is the result of a large pool of consideration. Furthermore, our selection has been based on two key attributes - a serving heart, and the talents and skills that each person brings to the First Pres family and leadership.

The following leadership positions have been selected:

Elder Class of 2023: Eight

Deacon Class of 2023: Seventeen Deacon Class of 2022: Seven

Trustees: Two

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Walter Walthall IV (Chair), Charlotte Milner (Vice Chair), Adam Sharpe, Jobe Jackson, Barbara Wood, Jane Blackburn, Tom Benke, Mike Meadows, Hunter Verheul

* Those who will be holding this office for the first time at FPC are identified with an asterisk.

ELDERS IN CLASS 2023



JOHN CARTER

Ann and I were married at FPC in 1992 and I formally became a member of the congregation in 2002. Our three children, Jeanne Ann, Robert and Grace have all grown up in the church. I've had the honor to serve previously as both Elder and Deacon and join many different ministries, particularly pursuing my passion for Christian Education and Discipleship. My profession is

healthcare administration and I'm fortunate to have been with United Healthcare for the last eight years serving on the National Ancillary network team. For recreation I mostly enjoy reading and crossword puzzles, biking and taking our dogs for walks in McAllister Park, and pursuing the art and science of South Texas barbeque.



NANCY CROSS

Nancy and her husband Ed joined FPC in 1989, and she was ordained an elder in 1994. She and Ed have two sons, Ted, who lives in Austin, and Charlie, who is currently studying in Switzerland. After a few years working in the commercial real estate business, Nancy became a stayat-home mom and volunteer, mainly at FPC and in the

renewal organization of our former denomination. She has enjoyed working in many different areas of ministry at FPC, but particularly in teaching adults and in strategic planning. Nancy looks forward to serving on the Session and contributing both her institutional memory and her desire to embrace change in this season of new challenges.



DIRK DEKOCH

Dirk DeKoch joined FPC in 1981, shortly before he and Susan were married. They have three children, as well as a daughter-in-law and son-in-law and are blessed with three -- soon to be four -- grandchildren. He is self-employed at Alamo Heights Dental. When not working or enjoying his grandchildren, he and Susan enjoy traveling and spending time at the ranch. Among Dirk's greatest

joys is the relationship he enjoys with so many dear friends at FPC while sharing the glory and truth of Jesus with those he encounters.

ELDERS IN CLASS 2023



JEANNE DOUGLAS

I became a member of First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio in 1980. In the past I taught Sunday School in the elementary grades, been on various committees including Stewardship and Finance as well as Global Missions, held the office of Trustee of FPC and the office of Treasurer of Women of the Church. I am currently an Elder on rotation and a member of Personnel Committee.

Originally from Canadian, Texas I moved to Bartlett, Texas while in my teens. My late husband, Gary, and I were married for 46 years. Our son, Grant, lives in San Antonio with his wife, Shelby, and my 3 grandchildren. I am a graduate of Trinity University and enjoyed a 39-year career in banking having retired in 2011.



BOXY HORNBERGER

Boxy Hornberger has been married to Janet for 41 years, and has been a member of First Presbyterian since 1983. He has three married children, and 3 grandchildren. He has served on the Diaconate, and has been an Elder for many years. He taught children's Sunday School for many years, and has served on numerous committees. He loves First Presbyterian Church and is grateful for the influence

that our Church has had in his life.



CLAY PAGE *

I am married to Laura Buchek Page and we have 2 daughters, Darden (15) and Josephine (13). Laura and I were married at FPC in 2002. When we returned to SA from Houston in 2004, we immediately came to FPC. I served as a Deacon from 2015-2018 and my wife Laura, is one year into her 3 year term. I have served as a mentor on three occasions and love working with our youth. I also

look forward to ushering on Sundays in the Traditional service. I am excited to continue sharing my love for Christ and being a part of this church family.

ELDERS IN CLASS 2023



BECCA PRICE *

I have been a member of First Pres since 1973 when I moved to San Antonio with my husband, Bob Price. I am retired and have served as a deacon. Presently, I attend the 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Thursday morning Bible Study, KEYS, and Shawl Ministry. I also began a group called "Widows Might." In the community, I work at the San Antonio Dental Clinic at Haven for Hope

and Sus Hijas at the House of Neighborly Service.



IRINA VILLASTRIGO *

Irina Seletskaya Villastrigo was born in the City of Gomel, the Republic Belarus of the former Soviet Union. After meeting and marrying her husband, Aaron Villastrigo, in 1994, she and her daughter relocated from Belarus to San Antonio, Texas and began attending the Covenant Presbyterian Church in San Antonio. From 1995 to 2005, Irina served on the Mission Committee of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church; she was ordained and served as an Elder there from 2010 to 2018.

In 2018, Irina, together with her husband, daughter, son-in-law and two young grandchildren had an opportunity to visit the FPC. After just the first visit, their whole family fell in love with the FPC, its core values and hospitality and they all joined the FPC as covenant partners. At present, Irina serves on the Global Mission Committee of the FPC representing "Mission Poland", on the Greeting Committee and attends Thursday Morning Bible Study as well as a Small Group Bible Study. One of Irina's most rewarding experiences has been an opportunity to participate in the FPC mission trip to Poland in 2019.

She is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and woman of faith and is passionate to help people develop a deeper relationship with God.



SHELLEY BASS

Shelley Bass is returning as a Deacon on rotation. Shelley, her husband John and their four grown children have been members of First Presbyterian for 25 years. During this time Shelley has been involved in Childrens' Ministry, Confirmation Class, Local Missions and is currently enjoying Tuesday Morning Bible Study, being a reading buddy with SA Heals and activities with Women of the Church. Shelley also serves as a CASA Advocate and a

long time Meals on Wheels volunteer.



MILLS BUCHEK *

Mills Buchek was born and raised in San Antonio. She is married to Tres Buchek and they have a daughter, Mary Louise (16). Mills has been a member of FPC for 20 years. She has served on the Children's Ministry Committee and has also volunteered in the Children's Center in various capacities.



LEAH BUTLER *

Member of First Presbyterian Church for 20+ years. My husband, Mark, & I have been married for 27 years. We have 3 sons, Michael, Matthew & Luke all of whom were baptized & confirmed at FPC.

I was blessed to serve as Wedding Coordinator for First Pres for five years & as a teacher for Children's Day Out

for 10 years. I also served two terms on Children's Ministry & Local missions Committee, served as nursery committee Chairperson, VBS co-chair, Circle 20 co-chair, & VBS teacher. I am currently a confirmation mentor.



LINDA DELANO *

Linda and her husband Rich joined FPC in 2013 when they moved from San Diego. They are the parents of two children: Kevin, a grad student at UTSA, and Amy, a senior at Elon University. Linda has been an active member of Circle 7, and has held several officer positions within WOC. She has been a volunteer at CAM for 5 years, and also volunteers with Loaves and Fishes. She

looks forward to serving FPC as a deacon.



JOY FURHMANN *

We joined First Presbyterian Church in 1993, 27 years ago. Triple and I were newly married and we wanted to find a wonderful Church family that would help us raise our three daughters, Jillian(24), Jenna Belle(22) and Carly(19). I was an American Airlines Flight Attendant for 9 years and then a stay-at-home mom as our girls got older. My hobbies include Bible study, reading, tennis,

pickleball, Mahjong, traveling and spending time with family and friends. The most rewarding experience at First Presbyterian Church has been teaching VBS and Sunday school through the years and watching our youth grow in Christ. I look forward to a new role while serving as a Deacon.



JULIE HILL*

Julie Hill and her husband, Gerald, have been covenant partners of FPC since 1998. Julie has served as past Committee Chairman of the New Member Class, member of the VBS Snack Committee and Chairman of the WOC Luncheon Committee. She is currently serving on the Greeting Committee, is a member of Circle 5, Shawl Ministry, and will hold the position of WOC Recording

Secretary for 2020-2021.

JANET HORNBERGER *

Janet Hornberger is married to Boxy Hornberger and has 3 married children and 3 grandchildren. She and Boxy joined First Presbyterian Church In 1983. Janet has been active in teaching Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School. She serves on several committees, including the Decorating Committee and Sanctuary Flower Committee. She has also been a strong supporter of Christian Assistance Ministries.



SCOTT HOWARD *

Scott Howard has been part of the Presbyterian Church his entire life and joined First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio as a covenant partner in 2018. Since joining Scott has attended several Sunday School classes and is currently attending the FPC Connections class. He also serves as an usher for the traditional service.



PAT JOHNSON

Pat has been a member since 1986. She has served as past Diaconate moderator, Elder on Rotation, on the Home Communion Ministry Committee, the Pastor Nominating Committee and was past Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee. Her other involvement includes Bridges Adult Sunday Class, Circle 7 past Co-Chair, Thursday Morning Bible Study, Presbyterian Women (Women of the Church)

past president, WOC Nominating Committee Chair, Christian Dental Clinic volunteer, Former Sunday School teacher, VBS coordinator, Children's Ministry Committee, Family Ministry Committee, Confirmation teacher and mentor, Advent Festival Chair and Community Volunteer. Pat is married to Buddy Johnson. Their children are Matt Johnson, and Brad and Lisa Johnson, and they have three grandchildren: Field, Margaret Ann, and Clara.



SICHAN SIV *

Sichan Siv escaped Cambodia's killing fields in 1976 and was resettled as a refugee in Connecticut with his mother's scarf, an empty rice bag and two dollars. In 1977 he met Martha Pattillo in New York City. After their beautiful friendship turned into a flowering romance, Sichan visited Martha's hometown of Pampa, Texas and the Texas Panhandle to celebrate Christmas 1982

with her family and friends. They were married at Martha's First Presbyterian Church of Pampa on Christmas Eve 1983. Martha became Sichan's rock, shield, fortress ("She is everything to me and simply the best") and gave him more life, light, love and laughter. While living on the East Coast, they attended Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York and National Presbyterian Church in Washington where Martha was a member. After moving to San Antonio in 2006, they have attended First Presbyterian Church-San Antonio where Sichan was baptized by Senior Pastors Ron Scates and Scott Simpson on December 4, 2016, ten days before Martha lifted off to be in Heaven with the Lord.

After Martha's departure from our good Earth, Sichan has devoted his life even more to God and Country. He went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Ron Scates in 2017 and has served the Lord in Mexico (twice), Lebanon, Iraq, Guatemala, Turkey, Jordan, Indonesia (with Ron Scates), Germany, France, Paraguay, Argentina and Costa Rica. Speaking eight languages, Sichan has dealt with 193 national governments, visited some 130 countries, and interacted with people of diverse professional, cultural and religious backgrounds at all levels of human communities and societies. He served as a deputy assistant to President George H.W. Bush at The White House and as an ambassador to the UN under President George W. Bush. He is proud to be an American and a Texan. He is blessed to be a "Child of God and Ambassador for Christ."



of Jesus Christ.

KELLY STRANGE

My husband, Matt, and I joined First Presbyterian Church in 1993. We have two grown children, Alexandra and Molly. I have served on the Children's Committee, and as a Sunday school teacher, VBS chair and volunteer. I also enjoyed my time as an 8th grade confirmation mentor. I look forward to my time as a deacon to serve the congregation as we all worship together in the love



CHANEY STUART *

Chaney Harrison Stuart is excited to begin serving as a deacon. She is from Tennessee and moved to San Antonio and joined FPC in 1998. She has served on the leadership committee of the Genesis II Sunday School class, the Nursery Committee, the Children's Committee and the Sanctuary Flower Committee. She is married to Tripp, and has three children: Campbell 29, Harrison 19, and

Jennings 17. In her free time, she enjoys swimming and tennis.



SUZANNE STURDIVANT *

Immediately upon joining First Presbyterian, I was encouraged to join a Circle. The friendships and encouragement I received from Circle 11, were the starting point with my relationship to First Pres. For the last several years, I have been one of the greeters at the front desk on Sunday mornings. I enjoy having this opportunity to be one of the first to welcome visitors and answer any

questions. Hopefully, they also will choose to make First Presbyterian their home.



DON TEST *

I have retired from a career in Oral and Maxillofacial surgery. My wife passed away three years ago after 42 years of marriage. I have two sons. Richard is married and Robert is deceased. I have been an usher at First Presbyterian Church for decades, was involved with the Christian Dental Clinic, and enjoy participating in the Thursday morning men's Bible study.



AMY WHITE *

Amy White is married to John White III (Hans) and they have two wonderful children, John IV and Remy. Amy has been a member of FPC since 2013. Amy owns her own organization business as well as working part time for HEB Senior Support. She has previously been involved with 8th grade confirmation classes as a mentor and has served on the women of the church coffee committee. When not

spending time with family and friends and working, she enjoys spending her free time exercising. I feel honored and privileged to serve as a Deacon.



LISA WOLFF *

My family joined FPC because we wanted a church with a real sense of community. It was especially important when our two adult daughters were children. My husband is Jim Wolff and we have two daughters, Barrett and Carson. I am a retired attorney and I enjoy participating as a CASA advocate, attending Bible Study Fellowship, and volunteering for Battle of Flowers. I hope that I can help

those who suffer a tragedy or loss by leaning on the grace that God gave me when I tragically lost both of my parents in a car accident three years ago.



BILL YOUNG *

For more than 35 years, Bill held leadership positions in the Health Care Sector. He was the Partner in Charge of the Health Care practice for one of the Big Eight accounting firms serving clients in the US and across the World. After retiring, he served as the Executive in Residence in the Department of Health Care Management at Trinity University. He has been a member of Bible

Study Fellowship for eight years. At First Pres, Bill was involved in the Loaves and Fishes Ministry for 7 years, and he and Jessica participate in the Thursday Pastor's Bible Study.

Bill received his undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of Texas, and also earned a graduate degree from Trinity University. He and Jessica have been members of First Pres for more than 10 years. They have three children and four teenage grandchildren.



ALISON BARKER *

Even though I had attended church all my life with my family, my walk with Christ began when I was a 20 year old college junior. A college friend led me to Christ and awakened my desire to immerse myself in the Word of God and I came to understand that the truth in scripture was the foundation for this life and the life hereafter. The Bible church that I began attending gave me a strong faith based understanding of the Old and New Testaments and

I knew this was truth to build my life on.

It was at this church that I met my husband, Steve Barker. We married in 1977 and had two children, Jonathan Barker (wife Michele) and Emily Cleveland (husband Ben) and now have four grandchildren.

During my twenty years at First Presbyterian Church San Antonio I have served WOC as a member and officer, been a circle leader and Bible teacher, attended Tuesday and Thursday morning Bible study, was a mentor for Young Lives, volunteered with Loaves & Fishes and most recently am serving in KRL and on the Local Missions Committee.

I am so blessed to be called to serve the church as a deacon. It is my desire to learn how to serve other in a deeper way and to serve the church.



VIRGINIA BEELER *

Virginia Beeler is a lifelong member of First Presyterian Church. She grew up in the church, having been baptized as an infant, attended Sunday school and church retreats. She and her husband of 51 years were married by Dr. Mauze, his last wedding ceremony prior to retirement. As a young couple they served on several committees and remember having coordinated meals and activities

for the Christmas International students living there. Don and Virginia have two adult children who were also baptized and involved in First Pres activities. Virginia served as President of the Women of the Church in the late eighties and was elected as a deacon shortly afterwards. Having recently retired from San Antonio Academy where she served as Associate Head/Academics, she looks forward to serving again as a deacon.



ROSELYN COGBURN

Roselyn Cogburn and husband Bill have been members of First Presbyterian Church for thirty years. She is entering her second rotation as Deacon and solicits your prayers and God's guidance in serving the congregants of FPC.



BILL HENSLEY

My parents and I joined First Presbyterian when Louis Zbinden did (early '70's), and I met Patrice Hensley on our Young Singles Bible Study outing to the Grey Moss Inn. Our son Will II played guitar and drums with FPC Sunday contemporary evening services, and now records and mixes with bands in NYC- scary times now, so mostly online. Daughter Victoria is a social worker helping battered

women and their families in south Texas. We were all in First Presbyterian's initial "Off Broadway" musicals.

I've taught Sunday school, led discussion groups with BSF, mentored the Toastmaster's Club meetings Tuesdays at FPC and give Book or Broadway musical reviews to our Tuesday Literature Circle.



SUZANNE NORTON

Suzanne Norton has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church for almost 20 years. She served with the Class of 2017 deacons, is an active member of First Class Sunday School and Circle 11, having previously served as chairman. Suzanne held officer positions with both PW and WOC. Other activities include being a current member of the FPC Counting

Team, a current member of a 9:30 AM Usher Team and the privilege of serving communion throughout the year. She has volunteered as a Greeter, helped in the FPC bookstore, participated in Project 240 activities and served the choir and staff during Christmas Eve services. Suzanne recently retired from the San Antonio ISD after 34 years in education.



MILT MCFARLAND

Since I joined the church in 1984, I have served multiple times as a deacon, participated in several Sunday school classes, Bible studies, and committees, and served as an usher for over thirty years. After my Air Force retirement, I was the Executive Director of CAM for twenty years. I look forward to serving the LORD as a deacon of the church.



JESS L. MAYFIELD

My wife, Joyce, and I have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 25 years. This will be my third rotation as an active Deacon. I have been attending the Men's Thursday morning Bible Study for over 15 years and have served on the Global Missions Committee, the Officer Nominating Committee and was Chairman of the Discipling's Committee. We have two children and five

grandchildren. I look forward to serving as a Deacon as I believe it is my calling to serve Jesus Christ and his Church.

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JIM CARSSOW *

I was raised in University Presbyterian Church in Austin. Spent many Sundays in my youth with my grandmother, Harriat Carssow. I am married to Diane with two children, two stepchildren, and three grandkids. I am active in Stephen Ministry, Tribe, and Thursday morning Bible study. Previously ordained as Elder, Deacon, and Lay Pastor in PCUSA. Career includes Accounting (CPA), banking, and



EDWARD A. CROSS, II

Edward A. Cross, II is the Chief Executive Officer and founder of San Antonio Commercial Advisors, an independently owned and operated member of the Cushman & Wakefield Alliance. San Antonio Commercial Advisors is a full service real estate firm that specializes in office and industrial leasing, multi-family and land brokerage as well as investment transactions in San

Antonio and South Texas.

Ed Cross began his real estate career in 1980 in Houston with Kirksey Development Company. Previously, he was employed by Ernst and Young in the Tax & Audit Departments. He was then Senior Vice President and a Partner of Trinity Asset Management, a subsidiary of Embrey Investments, which he joined in 1985. In 1998, Ed founded Cross & Company and has built one of the most dedicated, recognized and respected real estate firms in the San Antonio area. In 2011, San Antonio Commercial Advisors was created to better serve existing client needs and the growing demands of the San Antonio commercial real estate market.

Mr. Cross holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, is a licensed real estate broker and was a Certified Public Accountant. In 1992, 1996 and 1997, he was named the #1 Commercial Real Estate Broker in San Antonio by the San Antonio Business Journal and he routinely acts as mentor to those entering the field.

Mr. Cross has a long history of public service which currently includes the Texas Research Park Foundation Board, AccelerateH20 and the Federal Reserve Small Business Board. He is a past Chairman of the Board for SAMMinistries, the JP Morgan Chase Advisory Board, the San Antonio Academy, the City of San Antonio Planning Commission, the San Antonio Zoo Board, Our Lady of the Lake University, The Downtown Alliance and Teach for America.

Ed is married to the former Nancy Scott and they have two sons, Teddy and Charlie. He is also a member, former Deacon and current Elder at First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio.

