



2024 OFFICER

Nominations

LEADERSHIP VOTE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

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 2027: Eight
Deacon Class of 2027: Eighteen
Deacon Class of 2026 (fill 2 year unexpired term): One
Trustees: Two

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ed Moore (Chair), Bill Oliver (Vice Chair), Tom Benke, Janet Wernli, Chuck Bunn, Ashley Jackson, Ellen Frazier, Caleb Barber, and Jane Watson

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

ELDERS IN CLASS 2027



JOHN BROOKS*

John and his family began attending FPC in 2018, when they moved to San Antonio from Memphis, officially joining as a covenant partner in 2020. He and Jennie have been married for nearly 21 years and blessed with two wonderful and energetic boys, Whit (15) and Thomas (12). John and Jennie currently help lead the Ambassadors class for young families.

During his tenure at FPC, he has been involved in the men's ministry. He currently serves on the Church Plant Committee as well as on the board of Mission Road Ministries, Christian Assistance Ministries, and RISE. John is a Partner with CoLaTenTex, a Private Investment Firm, and has spent his career in various financial roles. He is honored to be considered for Elder.



ALLEN CASEY*

Allen Casey was born a Presbyterian in Springfield, MO, where he lived with his wife of 53 years, Mary Lou. They moved to San Antonio six years ago to be near their three grandchildren. Allen followed in his dad's footsteps to become an architect and managed his own firm for nearly 40 years. He mostly focused his efforts on master planning and historic renovations

with tax credit projects, including the redevelopment of three buildings they owned. He was involved in leadership positions with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, a Professional Baseball Assoc., Mercy Medical Foundation, Missouri Historic Advisory Council, the children's museum, and downtown improvement associations. He was also an elder and trustee 39 years ago. Allen and Mary Lou have two sons, Clayton in Springfield and Curtis, a VP at Port San Antonio. They love their lives in San Antonio, volunteering at CAM, and their great new family at First Pres.



NANCY CROSS

Nancy is celebrating the 30th year of her ordination as an elder at FPC this summer. In those 30 years she's served in many areas, but has a particular calling and experience in teaching adults, strategic planning, and stewardship. Prior to our church's move to the ECO denomination, she was active in leading the denominational renewal efforts.

Nancy and her husband Ed have 2 grown sons. She enjoys pilates, reading, cooking, and spending time at their lake place.

ELDERS IN CLASS 2027



MICHAEL MEADOWS*

Since moving to San Antonio in 1995, Michael has been an active member of FPC. Baptized as an adult in 1997 at FPC, he later married Ellen (Warrick) at the church, and they have three children together. With 23 years of experience, Michael has served in youth ministry as a Sunday school teacher and confirmation leader. He has contributed to various committees

at FPC and currently leads the Uganda Champions team with Ellen. In his professional life, Michael is a Senior Vice President at Coley GTS, overseeing staff and business development in training and IT services. He values his involvement in a Father-Son devotional group and a lunchtime Bible study. Passionate about youth ministry and global missions, Michael is grateful for the supportive FPC community and feels honored to serve as an elder.



BOBBY MICKLER

Bobby Mickler grew up at FPC and accepted Christ as a teen. His faith grew after a tragic loss, and in 1994 he met his wife Downie Armstrong. Together they have 5 grown kids - Redding (24), Emma (23), Nancy (21), Annette (19), Robert (17), and a new son-in-law named Nolen Durham (23). The church sent Bobby and his family overseas as full-time

missionaries in the Dominican Republic with Food for the Hungry from 2000-2004, and then in Uganda from 2006-2011 establishing ministries and businesses. Bobby is a landscape architect by trade and now owns Site Works Texas here in SA. He serves on the Men's Ministry, the Property Committee, and the Marriage Ministry Committee.



CHARLOTTE MILNER

Charlotte (Bell) Milner has been a member since 1994 and has served as Elder, Deacon, Moderator of Deacons, Church Treasurer, Officer Nominating Committee Chair, Stewardship & Finance Chair. She currently serves as FPC Trustee, Adult Education Committee, Greeting, Worship, Scholarship, Mission Road Ministries, Finance Committee and faithfully

attends the Explorers Sunday School and Precepts Bible Study. She has previously served on the Children's Committee, Mission Trips to Malawi and Poland, Loaves & Fishes, Circle 14 Chair, Circle 20, VBS, Children's SS teacher, Youth Ministries, and various others. She is a Group, Life, and Estate Planning Insurance Broker. Her daughter, Martha, lives in Austin. Charlotte grew up in Dothan, Alabama, and is a proud Alabama graduate. She is honored to be nominated to serve as an Elder.

ELDERS IN CLASS 2027



TREBES SASSER

Trebes has been an active member of FPC since 2013. Currently, he serves on the Men's Ministry, Church Planting, Marriage Ministry, and Young Adult Director Search Committees. Trebes is humbled by the opportunity to serve as an elder for the second time. He also served as chair of the Property Committee. Trebes and his wife, Laura, attend the

Connections Sunday School class. Trebes is the Founder and President of Ridgemont Properties, Inc. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Laura Sasser, their four married children, and 15 grandchildren



JOHN THOMAS

John and his wife Suzanne, married at FPC in May 1983, became active members later that year. Their three children, Cardo, Clay, and Catherine, were confirmed at FPC. They have one granddaughter and five grandsons. John has served as a Deacon and Elder, and participated in various ministries, including Worship, Local Missions, Men's Ministry, and more. He is involved in Habitat builds, KRL, Loaves and Fishes, and Tribe activities, and has served as an usher at the 11:00 Traditional Service. John appreciates the opportunity to serve at FPC, spreading the Gospel message to Covenant Partners, the community, and beyond.

DEACONS IN CLASS 2027



DR. ANNA ARMSTRONG*

Anna Armstrong, a San Antonio native, has strong ties to First Presbyterian through her family history. Despite her global career as an anesthesiologist spanning over 25 years, she returned to San Antonio in 2004. Anna's prior engagements with the church, like a 2015 medical trip with YAP, underscored FPC's dedication to mission work. She admires their commitment to embodying Christ's grace and holiness, appreciating the growth of local medical outreach efforts and treasuring the relationships fostered within the FPC community. Anna enjoys languages, mathematics, piano, reading, hiking, animal rescue, travel, needlepoint, and scuba diving. A member of the Arthur Gray Jones Sunday School Class and Circle 7, Anna finds inspiration in serving the community, and she is humbly honored to continue serving as a deacon at FPC.

DEACONS IN CLASS 2027



PRESTON BROCK*

Preston Brock was born in San Antonio, Texas, and raised in the Dallas Area. He got a degree in Spanish from the Metropolitan State University of Denver. After college, he spent 6 years teaching special needs middle school students before becoming a homebuilder. Preston and Marisa have been married for 9 years, have 3 children, and became covenant partners in 2022. Since joining the church, Preston has become a regular participant in the Tribe and Ambassador Bible study groups. He has volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, Love Your City, and also attended men's ministry outings. Preston looks forward to serving as a Deacon for the first time and serving the community.



MUFFIN CAMP*

Muffin Camp grew up in San Antonio and was a member of FPC as a college student. She and Morris were married at First Presbyterian in 1992. She has been involved in various ministries throughout her adult life. At FPC, Muffin has been a Co-leader with Circle 20, co-leads Financial Peace University with Morris, and is involved in Marriage Ministry as a mentor and facilitator with the Prepare and Enrich program. She co-leads the Young Adult Ministry with Morris and is also a young adult mentor. Muffin spends her time organizing clients' spaces, visiting with friends and family, and loves to travel with Morris around the country and throughout the world. Muffin is passionate about serving others with the love of Christ. She loves her FPC family and looks forward to serving her community.



DANIELLE COUCH*

Danielle Couch became a Covenant Partner in May 2019 after graduating from Trinity University with a B.S. in Business Analytics & Technology and a minor in Theatre. She was commissioned by First Pres that summer to serve in South Asia and has lived in San Antonio since returning. Danielle works as a Senior in the Consulting Services practice of Ernst & Young LLP. Danielle is also involved in the young adult community and local and global missions. She is incredibly grateful for this community and is excited to continue to serve the Lord as a Deacon.

DEACONS IN CLASS 2027



LINDA DELANO

Linda and her husband, Rich, have been members of FPC for over ten years. They are the parents of two grown children, Kevin and Amy. Linda has been active in Women of the Church as a member of Circle 7 and has held several officer positions, including president. She enjoys reading, cooking, and entertaining, and is a regular volunteer at CAM.

Linda has been a Deacon before and looks forward to the rich blessings of being a Deacon again.



SHAWN GULLEY

Shawn Gulley and his wife, Christy have been members of FPC since 1992 and were married in the Church by Louis Zbinden that same year. The Gulleys have four children: Reagan (28), Ben (26), Robert (20), and Mary Stuart (20), who were all baptized at FPC. Shawn was previously on the board of directors for Mission Road Ministries. He is a graduate of

Washington & Lee University and is a Vice President of R.L. Worth & Associates. Inspired by a Walk to Emmaus in April 2017, Shawn is grateful for the opportunity to become more involved and serve FPC. Shawn previously served as a Deacon from 2018-2021.



GARLAND HENDERSON

Garland Henderson has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2006 and feels led to be the "hands and feet" of Christ by serving members of our church as a deacon. He has served previously as an FPC deacon, member of the FPC Global Missions Committee, and established a Small Group that has been meeting since 2007. Reaching out to serve and

prayerfully support members of the church is crucial to fulfill and embody the mission of the church. Garland is blessed to have faithful family members, including Mary, his wonderful wife, who serves at Christian Assistance Ministries (CAM); and two sons, Austin, a petroleum engineer in Dallas, and Benjamin, FPC Director of College Ministries. Garland is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and currently works as a US Space Force civil servant. Garland feels that it would be an honor and privilege to serve as a deacon.

DEACONS IN CLASS 2027



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 Bridges class. He also serves as an usher for the traditional service.



TONI LeGRAND*

Toni, a mother of two grown children, cherishes their upbringing as her fondest memories. She had a business career and learned so much from great people. She now enjoys hobbies like gardening, travel, sewing, and calligraphy. Although her exercise routines are a work in progress, she delights in good food and wine. Toni finds enrichment in serving

communion, studying the Bible, teaching Sunday school, and enjoying the support of her First Pres friends.



RACHEL MAURER

Rachel Maurer has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. Rachel and her husband, David, have three daughters, Hannah, Kate, and Lauren, who have grown up in the church. Rachel taught Godly Play Sunday School for 17 years. She has served as chair of the Nursery Committee and a member of the Children's Ministry Committee.

Rachel also volunteered with Young Lives and VBS for several years. She is looking forward to returning to the Diaconate, where she previously served as moderator.



RYAN McLOUGHLIN*

Ryan began attending FPC in 2017 and became covenant partner in 2020. He and his wife Emily have been married for five years and were married by Reverend Mitchell Moore in 2019. He and Emily has a two-year old daughter named Madison. Upon graduation from Baylor University in 2016, Ryan moved to San Antonio and now works for a family

owned and operated insurance agency, McLoughlin Insurance. Ryan has served on the Young Adult, Marriage and Property committees. Ryan is passionate about building relationships and feels grateful for the opportunity to serve the Church and its community.

DEACONS IN CLASS 2027



DOWNIE MICKLER*

Downie Mickler became a Christian when she was a child, a follower of Jesus, and active member of FPC in her teens, and a lover of our Lord when in college. She married Bobby Mickler and raised 5 kids on the mission field and here in San Antonio. She has served on the Prayer Ministry committee, is a Bible study leader, loves worshipping, and serves on the

Global Missions Committee and the Marriage Ministry with her husband.



DONNA MONCRIEF*

Donna Moncrief has lived in San Antonio since 2019, moving from Marina del Rey, California, and became a covenant partner in 2022. With a Love to see others to know Christ through global missions and evangelism, she serves on the Global Missions team, serves with Alpha and participated in Mission Trips to Spain and to South Korea with FPC, and leads a Bible

study in her home. Originally from the Ft. Worth area, she graduated from Southwestern Seminary and is a licensed professional counselor. She is honored to be nominated to serve as Deacon.



LAURA SASSER

Laura Sasser became a covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church in 2013. Since then, she has been actively involved in serving the church in various capacities. Laura is currently a member of the Young Adult, Marriage Ministry, and Local Missions Committees. This will also be her second time serving as a deacon. Previously, Laura was a member of

the Prayer Team as well. In addition to her commitments to the church, Laura enjoys serving her community through organizations near her heart, including South Texas Youth for Christ and Bible Study Fellowship. Laura and her husband, Trebes, enjoy spending time with their four married children and 15 grandchildren.

DEACONS IN CLASS 2027



COURTNEY SCHULTZ*

Courtney Banack Schultz is a highly accomplished professional with a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Colorado and a Masters of Science in Education Administration from Texas State University. With experience as an elementary school teacher, nursery administrator, and in marketing and PR roles, Courtney is actively involved in charitable and civic organizations. She is married to Chris Schultz, President and C.E.O. of Raba Kistner, and has two successful daughters. Courtney is passionate about international travel, skiing, hiking, pickleball, and tennis.



GORDON SMITH

Gordon joined the church in December 1991. He is married to Martha, and they have two adult children, Helen and Graham. Gordon has served as deacon twice before and currently serves as the Team Captain for the FPC Team World Vision half-marathon/ marathon team which raises money for clean water around the world. Gordon has served as an adult chaperone on middle school Breakaway retreats and has served on the Children's Ministry Committee. He and Martha have also enjoyed leading Wee Worship and teaching elementary school Sunday School. They currently attend the Connections Sunday School class.



DEBBIE TAYLOR*

Debbie Taylor, along with her husband Rick, has been a Covenant Partner at FPC since 2022. Debbie's journey has included serving in various ministries throughout her life, from street ministry in Detroit to leading women's small groups in Ann Arbor. Since moving to San Antonio in 1995, Debbie has been involved in women's ministry, children's ministry Committee, marriage ministry, small group Bible studies, Alpha, Stephen Ministry, and the Care and Support team at her church. She has also been a part of the Moms in Prayer group for over 15 years. Debbie currently serves on the Prayer Ministry Committee at FPC and finds joy in participating in various groups and studies within the congregation. With four grown children, three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and 10 grandchildren, Debbie enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, reading Christian literature, and dancing ZUMBA. As a Deacon at FPC, Debbie is grateful for the opportunity to serve the congregation and show her love and gratitude for all that Jesus has done in her life.

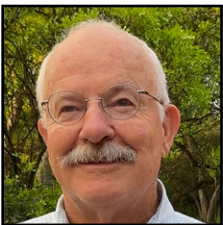
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NICHOLAS VALENTI

Nicholas C. Valenti is grateful to call First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio his home. Welcomed warmly and enthusiastically by the church family in 2014, Nicholas grew up attending First Presbyterian Church of Northville in metro-Detroit, Michigan. Upon moving to San Antonio, he felt a natural connection to FPC and has served as a Deacon, Middle School Sunday School Teacher, Connections Committee Member, and Usher at the 11 AM Traditional Worship Service. Crediting the Lord for his life and seeking His guidance each day, Nicholas is thankful for God's love, grace, and purpose in all things. Professionally, he works as a Certified Financial Planner® at Platinum Wealth Solutions of Texas in Shavano Park, helping families achieve their financial goals and protect their assets. In his free time, Nicholas enjoys staying active outdoors, savoring BBQ, and listening to live music.

DEACONS IN CLASS 2026



RITCHIE McCULLOCH

Ritchie became a member of First Presbyterian Church in the mid-nineties and soon after met his amazing wife of 23 years through fellow church members. Together, they have a blended family of 5 adult sons, wonderful daughters-in-law, and a magnificent granddaughter. After spending 40 years in the land brokerage and development industry, Ritchie now enjoys leisure activities such as golf, fishing, and traveling around the country with Karen in their little Airstream. Currently involved in the church's Mental Health ministry, Ritchie has previously served as a Deacon, taught in Sunday school, ushered in the Contemporary Service, acted as a reading buddy, volunteered at KRL, and participated in various Sunday school classes and small groups. Grateful for the caring and loving community at the church, Ritchie feels honored to serve once again as a Deacon.

TRUSTEES



JEANNE DOUGLAS

A member of First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio since 1980, Jeanne has been actively involved in various roles such as teaching Sunday School, serving on committees including Stewardship and Finance, Personnel, and Global Missions, holding the positions of Trustee and Treasurer of Women of the Church. Currently serving as an Elder on rotation and a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, originally from Canadian, Texas, she later moved to Bartlett, Texas as a teenager. She and her late husband, Gary, were married for 46 years. Their son Grant resides in San Antonio with his wife Shelby and their three grandchildren. After graduating from Trinity University, Jeanne enjoyed a 39-year career in banking, and retired in 2011.



KIM SMITH

Kim and her husband, Larry, became members of FPC in 1988. Their now-grown sons, Tim, Zander, and David, were all baptized and confirmed within the church, spending their formative years learning and playing in its halls. In her early career, she practiced real estate law before transitioning to enjoy motherhood and community involvement. Currently working as a realtor at KuperSIR, she has been grateful for the various opportunities to serve FPC over the years. This includes roles such as Elder, Deacon, Prayer Ministry Chair, WOC member and officer, and committee member for global missions, local missions, youth, and worship committees. She has also been involved in teaching VBS, Sunday School, Confirmation, and chairing the Advent Festival. Enjoying fellowship in groups like PBS, Connections Sunday School, and Circle 1/12, her family participated in the 2013-14 Israel trip, enriching their lives through each experience and involvement. Eager to continue serving within the FPC community, she looks forward to seeing how God will work through the church in the future.



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