
INTRODUCING . . . ELDER & FOUNDATION TRUSTEE NOMINEES

The Congregation is called to meet in the sanctuary following worship on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**, to receive and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee for one elder (Class of 2019), twelve elders (Class of 2020), and three Foundation trustees (Class of 2026). Nominations may be made from the floor provided those placing a name in nomination have obtained permission from the one being nominated. The nominees are placed in nomination by this year's Nominating Committee: elders Marcia Miculek (*Mod.*) and Alice Johnson (*Vice Mod.*), and Kathrine MacNeil, Michael Martin, Jasen Petersen, Roger Reese, and AJ Renold (*members-at-large*).

ELDER, CLASS OF 2019

EILEEN PETERS



I studied liberal arts at Texas A&M. I've worked in bank marketing, as a retail and freelance florist, and with KEOS public radio as a show host and in station management. Volunteerism is a priority for me. I'm a lifelong member of FPC-Bryan. I sing in the choir, ring handbells, and have served as deacon and youth advisor. My heart and soul are here at FPC. I'm immensely grateful for this vibrant, nurturing congregation which has embraced my family and me at every turn throughout our lives. I'm blessed to continue a call to serve as elder. I pray that, with God's help, I can serve Him and the mission of FPC-Bryan well in this role.

ELDERS, CLASS OF 2020

LOIS BASENFELDER



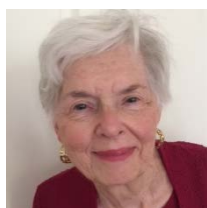
I'm 60 years old and a clinical pharmacist at CHI St. Joseph. I was baptized and joined this church in 1984. I have served as both deacon and elder in this church in past years. It has always been a privilege and a challenge. I am a member of the Looseleaf Class and Small Group, and volunteer with Youth activities. I am personally passionate about participatory worship, intergenerational collaboration, and the church's role in fostering peace, justice and community without borders. My personal mission is to unreservedly love God, love my neighbors (all of them) and do as Jesus did, with God's help. I fail miserably at this, but it remains my vision. Shalom!

DAVE HAVERLAND



I've been a member at FPC-Bryan since the early 1990's and a life-long Presbyterian. Janice and I raised 3 boys in this church, now all grown and scattered. This church family (it's the people that matter!) has been supportive of us through many challenges and changes in our lives for a long time now. My first experience as a church officer was more than 40 years ago as a deacon in Port Lavaca. In Bryan, I have served several session terms and on Worship, Christian Education, and Property Committees. When possible and asked, I have said yes each time and look forward to this time of service again after a few years off the session.

PHYLLIS LEE



I was born into a Virginia Presbyterian family. John and I married, moved to Houston and joined John Knox Presbyterian. After several moves, we moved to Bryan in 1978 and joined FPC-Bryan. We became members of the Covenant Church Class which was very influential in my understanding of Christianity. When the

Covenant Class disbanded, we joined the Loose Leaf Class. These two classes, plus 100's of sermons made me think about what I believe as a Christian. I can ask questions, knowing that sometimes there are no answers. I became an elder and learned more about the Presbyterian form of government and how that is carried out in the local church. I look forward to serving once again as an Elder.

JO MONROE



I was born in Virginia and spent my school years in Mebane, NC. In 1956, I met Haskell Monroe in Montreat, NC; we were married the following summer and observed our 60th anniversary a few months before he died (Nov 2017). My life centered around supporting Haskell in his career goals, rearing four children, and volunteering in the community, schools, and church. My faith journey began at my mother's knee. It has continued to grow through the nurture and love of each congregation I have been privileged to call "church family." God's grace has been bountiful. This is the stage in my life when I can dedicate time and energy to serving First Presbyterian in this meaningful role. Thank you for the opportunity.

JERRY NORRIS



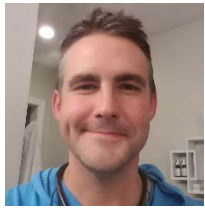
Anja and I joined FPC-Bryan in 2016, after attending several years as "visitors." A long-time local resident, we have three grown children and four grandchildren; all living in the area. It's not easy for me to express my faith journey, too many times I have tried to rely on myself. What I know is that God has revealed himself to me in times of need, doubt, when I needed strength, and in many good times. I have learned that He is always there for me, no matter what! Since my first visit to FPC-Bryan, I have found myself more involved with this church than any previous. I have volunteered on committees, church school leadership, contemporary worship, and other activities within the church. After careful consideration and prayer, I feel led to continue my service by serving as an elder.

BETH PENNEBAKER



I became a member of FPC-Bryan in 1986 when I moved here to teach at Bryan High School. Two years ago, in contemplating retirement, I decided that I would build my new life around three goals: to stay active professionally by continuing to teach part-time at Blinn College, to seek a way to become involved in the arts, and to strengthen my commitment to First Presbyterian. I have agreed to serve as an elder because we all need to do our part to keep alive the mission of this congregation, and because I deeply respect the historical and social contribution that this church has made to this community during the past 150 years.

JASEN PETERSEN



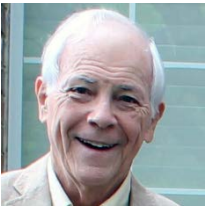
Born to a family of stoic farmers and eccentric musicians, I spent my youth between the band hall and the cotton field. I met my better half, Jessica Sahm, in Texas A&M's Century Singers choir. We married in 2014. Jessica is a registered nurse; I work for TAMU monitoring water quality and environmental impact. Jessica introduced me to my new church family at FPC-Bryan and there was no looking back. I have met so many kind, charitable, and truly wonderful people in this congregation. I hope to serve in whatever capacity God and the Church requires. Thank you all for the warm welcome. Gig 'em and God Bless.

AJ RENOLD



I grew up in the Presbyterian Church and have been an active member of FPC-Bryan since joining in 2017. I am an involved church member, invested and devoted to the sustainability of FPC-Bryan through community engagement and resourceful use of the church's resources. As a local leader charged with the management of a large non-profit organization, I am willing and honored to serve FPC by sharing my knowledge and talents as an elder in the church.

DON SPENCER



I was born in the rural Texas home where my Dad grew up. I attended school in Los Angeles, CA, and Andrews and Lubbock; both exposed me to many cultures and religions. I attended Sunday school in Lutheran and Presbyterian churches (LA) and in the Methodist Church (Andrews); the minister's son is still a close friend. Beverly and I married in University Christian Church Chapel adjacent to TCU. We were married nearly fifty-seven years and have three children and four grandchildren. We joined the FPC of Richardson in the mid-60's and FPC-Bryan has been our church home since the mid-70's where I have served as deacon and elder. I will serve where needed.

ROD THORNTON



I was raised in South Texas with a strong Baptist background. When I was 12, I joined a Boy Scout troop sponsored by a Presbyterian church. I then became a Presbyterian, and my family soon joined me. Thirty-three years of my work experience were in public service for the U.S. Govt. My faith journey has not always been easy, but I thank God for my many blessings. One of those blessings was the many friends I made at FPC-Bryan while attending Texas A&M. When I returned to B-CS in 2001, FPC-Bryan was one of the first places I went. One of the deep values I have is that I am a servant of the Lord. I believe in giving to others all that I can in every way. I have been fortunate to have served on the session as an elder and on several church committees in the past. I would like to continue to do this in the future.

JULIE YOUNG



I was born and raised in a small Kentucky town. I moved to Dallas for College. I graduated from SMU with a BA and a JD. My husband Steven and I moved to Bryan in 1983. We are blessed to have 4 children, Matt, Samantha, Andrea and Julia. Our daughter Samantha Lipscomb has blessed us with our first grandchild, Addison. My parents

raised me in the Methodist church and set a strong example to live by in both word and works. I love this church and the people here and want to do more to serve them and the Lord our Savior.

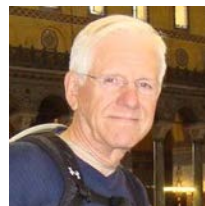
STEVE ZIMMERMAN



I am originally from Austin and moved to BCS to pursue a legal career. I am employed as a felony prosecutor at the Brazos County District Attorney's office. With the larger community, I volunteer as a mock trial team coach at Texas A & M and I just joined the Voices for Children's board. Born into a Christian family, I became a Presbyterian after I married my wife Jackie. She and I joined FPC-Bryan in July 2017. I believe FPC plays an important role in caring for the elderly, feeding the poor, hosting programs for youth and young adults. As an FPC elder, my goal will be to strengthen FPC and its role in the community. I am honored to be nominated for eldership.

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES, CLASS OF 2024

GLENN MATHEWS



Karon and I joined FPC in 2002. We are both retired from TAMU. I have previously served on the session and I am currently a member of Steward & Finance Committee. I also teach the Word Church School Class. Before joining TAMU in 1998, I worked for 17 years for Texas Oil and Gas Corp in Houston and Dallas. I believe my background in business and church activities would be helpful to me in serving on the Foundation as a trustee. I believe that as a member of the Church family, I am called to do what I can to serve the Lord.

KEN TELG



I have been a member of FPC-Bryan for over 40 years and have served in numerous lay leadership and volunteer roles. I retired in 2017 after 44 years in the banking industry. My faith journey is defined, in large part, by many current and past members of this congregation. I believe God has given us all talents, and it's up to us to use whatever talents those might be to serve Him. Our congregation is blessed to have a Foundation to support the church's ministry. I am completing a current term. If elected again, I believe this is an opportunity to continue to utilize some of the "talents" I learned in the business world.

ROSE VAN ARSDEL



I grew up a Methodist in Southern Illinois, and became a Presbyterian as a young adult and joined FPC-Bryan in 1969 after I moved to Texas. I've been active in choir, Concerts on Carter Creek (program chairman), and many other musical and financial committees, including Trustee of our Foundation. I have been an investment advisor and financial professional for over 40 years with qualifications including bachelor's and master's from Southern Illinois University, University of Wisconsin, and Certified Financial Planner (CFP), College of Financial Planning. Because of two generous gifts setting up our Foundation years ago, our church has benefitted hugely for many years (received over \$150,000 this year alone) and the principal (never paid out) has more than quadrupled since its inception.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE FOR THE 2019-2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bunny Douglas, Clark Neely, Scott Shafer,
Imogene Veters, Marilyn Wright