

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN INTRODUCES ELDER NOMINEES

Session Elders have called a meeting of the congregation for **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021**, immediately following worship in the sanctuary to receive a report from the Congregation's Officer Nominating Committee (*Ruling elders and Co-moderators Sally Kate Humphries and Nicole McKinley, members-at-large Vickie Buenger, Alice Hickerson, and Harriet Elliott*) for twelve elders (Class of 2023) and one elder (Class of 2022) filling an unexpired term. It is permissible to nominate additional persons for election consideration by the congregation during the meeting, provided any member making a nomination "from the floor" has secured the permission of those being nominated.

CLASS OF 2023

BECKY ALTER



I was baptized in this church when I was three weeks old, so I've been a part of this congregation for a long time. I have served our church as an officer, youth advisor, and on the Associate Pastor Search Committee. I have served New Covenant Presbytery as a Conclaves director, Cho-Yeh summer staff, and on several Presbytery committees. Many of you know me as "The Dog Lady" because my Service Dogs in Training have accompanied me to church. Giving the gift of independence to a person with disabilities has been a personal ministry of mine. I look forward to serving First Presbyterian again.

LEIGH GATHINGS



I grew up in Arlington TX. As a kid I spent a lot of time working on cars, Hi-Fi, and Amateur Radio. I have an engineering background and found myself in healthcare industry after a short time at the Cyclotron Institute at TAMU. Melissa and I moved to Bryan in 2004, from Richardson, when I returned to the Cyclotron Institute, and she continued her career in healthcare. I didn't attend church much growing up. I was baptized as an adult in a church in College Station during my first stint with TAMU. Melissa and I attended Canyon Creek Presbyterian for 10 years, while in Richardson, and joined FPC in Bryan in 2005. I agreed to serve because of previous experience on the Session and experience with various organizations within the church.

GILBERT GONZALEZ



I am currently employed with a cattle company. I began my faith journey as a Catholic, after being invited to a church luncheon, I felt a fire light within me. Soon after that visit, I became a member of First Presbyterian of Harlingen. I am eager to continue to share my many talents with this church. Being an elder is a commitment I intend to honor if elected.

ADAM HARTMAN



I moved to Bryan in July 2018 from San Antonio. I work from home full time for USAA as an Actuary. I have three sons (Andrew, Ethan, and Ryan), all married (to Abby, Erica, and Sarah). I have five young grandkids (3 in Woodlands, 2 in McKinney). I enjoy running and cycling. I feel God's presence hiking in national parks. I joined FPC in spring of 2019 and have served on Session in 2020-2021 as chair of Stewardship & Finance Committee. I am honored to be asked to serve on Session again. Psalm 106:1

JANICE HAVERLAND



I was born in a small "ALCOA" town in NC. My family moved to Port Lavaca, TX in 1968, where I first met Dave in Sunday School. Dave and I have been members of FPC-Bryan since 1991. We have three sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grand-children. I am a retired dental hygienist. I volunteer at the Brazos Church Pantry. The Presbyterian Church has been central to my religious foundation for decades. Even though I've explored other churches, I've always trusted the doctrine and foundation of the PC (USA). I find great comfort in my faith and in my church home. I served my church as: Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, Deacon, and Elder, Mod.-elect and Mod. of Presbyterian Women, and currently serve as Circle VII Co-mod. I find myself once again being called to serve as Elder. I feel it is a small way in which I can give back to my church for all I have received from it. I pray what I bring to the Session and Church will be of value in some way and will contribute to the strength of the church.

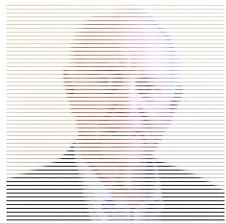
KAITLYN HENDLER



I was born and raised in College Station. I am 16 years old and have grown up going to FPC Bryan. I have always gone to church, and I really started getting closer with the Lord within the past year. I am attending a youth group once a week and incorporating the Lord in my life more now. I was so excited when I was asked to be an Elder at church. I agreed because this can bring me even closer to God and will also help my church community for the next two years.



BILLY HOUSMAN



I was born in Danville, IL, on Nov 13, 1936 and grew up and attended high school in Orange, TX. I graduated from TAMU in Petroleum Geology and am a U.S. Army Veteran. I have been married to Blie for over 57 years. We have one daughter and one grandson. I have been a life long Presbyterian belonging to churches in Mishawaka, IN, Calgary, Alberta (Canada), Orange, Midland, Conroe, Houston, and Bryan, TX. I believe it is extremely important to return our church to our pre-Chinese Wuhan virus environment and look forward to working with our congregation to achieve these goals.

SAM HUMPHRIES



I am the youngest of 4 children of parents of the depression. I've always considered my parents being God's greatest gift to me (after sending His son to be my Savior). I joined the Presbyterian church after marriage and completely embraced the theology and edicts of the church. My faith journey was more what was expected than fulfillment and understanding of salvation until my early 30's. I checked all of the boxes of Christianity, more or less. But embracing the Presbyterian theology and rule of order opened my eyes and my heart to the work and fulfillment of being a Christian. I feel today and have always felt that when the church calls, I will do what is needed, with happiness and compassion. It is a promise and commitment not to be taken lightly, and I am humbled to be considered for serving as an elder.

CLARISSA KENNEDY



For 12 years, I have worked at the Texas A&M University - currently at the Vet School. I am married to Rev. Michael Kennedy, have a grown son, and three great nephews whom I have court-appointed guardianship. In 2009, I rededicated my life to Christ and have a growing desire to serve God's people in whatever way I can. When I can, I serve with the Kairos and Emmaus Communities and sing in the choir. I agreed to serve as an elder to immerse myself into my church and church family and to share my love of serving my church and community.

NANCY ROBERTSON



My husband, Hayes, and I have two daughters and four wonderful grandsons. I have worshiped at Presbyterian churches most of my life—in New Jersey, Houston, and here at FPC. Since joining FPC in 1998, I have served several terms as a Deacon and an Elder. I have served on the Community Services, Mission, and Children's Center Ministry committees. I look forward to again serving as an Elder and continuing my faith journey serving this church and our community. I feel that God has blessed me in many ways, and I hope to share my faith with others.

JESSICA SAHM PETERSEN



I have attended FPC Bryan since I was a small child. After I completed nursing school at Blinn College, my husband Jasen and I decided to stay in BCS and start our family here. This summer, we joyfully welcomed our daughter Josephine into our lives. Through my work as a nurse, I have sought to channel Christ's love into the care I give my patients, whether it is helping someone recuperate after a difficult surgery or easing pain in the final phase of life. I accepted the call to Elder so that I could help FPC Bryan grow as we enter a post-quarantine world.

ETHAN TRUAX



I am happily married to Julie Truax, and we have two beautiful children (Penny 5 & Franklin 3). I currently work for a cattle company. I am a child of the church, and I was raised at First Presbyterian Church of Harlingen. This is where I not only found my faith, but my faith was allowed to take roots. FPC Harlingen became New Hope of La Feria, and I served there as an Elder on Session. I am happy and eager to be of service to this church.

CLASS OF 2022 (UNEXPIRED TERM)

SALLY KATE MORSE



I am willing to continue serving as a ruling elder for an additional year, filling the unexpired term following Elder Laura Becker's move to California.