



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNING ELDERS

Governing Elders are elected by the congregation to lead the church in life and mission. They are mature followers of Jesus who together seek to understand and do God's will by equipping, teaching, and encouraging all the members of the church. Elders serve a short term of three years, where they oversee and lead the direction of the church. In unity, they're called "the Session." They trust God to give them the wisdom and direction. They guide the church in strategic planning, stimulating generosity, leadership development, and oversee finances and personnel.

Class of 2021



Jayne Boswell: Jayne is married to Curt, and they have five cats, Jackson, Flo, Sullivan, Rae, and Ling, and a horse, Summer. She has been a member for 10 years and has served as a Deacon, Elder, Confirmand Mentor, and member in the Prayer Warriors Circle, Discovery Class, Pastor Nominating Committee, and Children in Worship volunteer.



Janet Brand: Janet is married to Frank "Buddy" Brand, and they have four children, John, Kendall, Carter, and Cameryn. She has been a member for 12 years and currently serves as a coordinator for Family Promise, coordinator for Florence Downtown Roll and Cycling Festival, which benefits PADD. She has served as Children's Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, a member in the Haiti missions, as Deacon, in the WiM prayer ministry, as well as youth programs.



Jim Dameron: James H. (Jim) is married to Sally, and they have two children, Ashley Alderman and Jenny Matheney. He has been a member for 41 years. He's served as Deacon for a few years and several terms as Elder, Sunday School teacher, Bible study/small groups leader, and on the Pastor Nominating Committee and Officer Nominating Committee

Bryon Frost: Bryon is married to Brandon Frost, and they have five children, Elizabeth, Campbell, Sallyann, Michael, and David. He has been a member for five years. He has served as deacon and elder in a PCA church and was a member in the Haiti mission.

Class of 2020



Betsy Olsen: Betsy is married to Robert, and they have three grown children. She has been a member for 25 years and has served as a children's Sunday School teacher for over 20 years. She is also the Moderator of the Women in Ministry and has previously served as Vice-Moderator. Betsy serves on the Compassion Committee and helps coordinate the First Presbyterian Art Show.



Dudley Saleeby, Jr.: Dudley is married to Lalla, and they have two grown children. He has been a member for 40 years and has previously served as an Elder, Clerk of Session, Deacon, on the Interim Pastor Search Committee, Pastor Nominating Committee, Capital Campaign, Denominational Issues Task Force, Committee on Ministry and was Commissioner to the General Assembly of the PCUSA and ECO Synod. He is a member of the Price Sunday School Class.

Susan Snow: Susan is married to Stuart, and they have two children, Wesley and Daniel (deceased). She has been a member for 43 years and has previously served as an Elder, Deacon, Presbyterian Women Moderator and Circle Chair, Sunday School teacher, Children's Ministry volunteer, Mission Team member and Confirmand Mentor. She has served on the Pastor Nominating Committee and Officer Nominating Committee and is currently a GriefShare Facilitator, CoChair of the Compassion Committee and Cooking Team Member. Susan is a member of the Pilgrim Sunday School Class.



Ryon Watkins: Ryon is married to Lendi, and they have two children, Landon and Julia. He has been a member for seven years and has previously served as a Deacon and as Moderator of the Diaconate, as Co-Coordinator of the Men's Lunches and as a children's Sunday School teacher. Ryon is a member of the Grace and Truth Sunday School Class.

Class of 2019



John Hofler, Jr.: John is married to Susan, and they have two grown children. He has been a member for 26 years and has previously served as an Elder, Deacon, Small Group Leader and Sunday School teacher. He has also served on the Nominating Committee, Discipleship Unit and various other committees. He is a member of the Discovery Sunday School Class



Carolyn Holland: Carolyn is married to Wendell and has been a member for seven years. She previously served as the Moderator and Co-Moderator for the Women in Ministry, Small Group Leader, on the Nominating Committee and is a member of the Chancel Choir and President of a Sunday School Class. She is a member of the Good Samaritan Sunday School Class and a Women in Ministry Circle.



Bruce Hubbs: Bruce is married to Patti, and they have three children. He has been a member for 28 years and has previously served as a Deacon. He is a children's choir leader and is very involved with the children's music ministry. He also serves as the volleyball leader every Sunday afternoon and is a member of the Chancel Choir and the Discovery Sunday School Class.



Billy McBride: Billy is married to Karen, and they have two children. He has been a member for 11 years and previously served as a Deacon. He has been involved with the Children's and Youth Ministries and as a mentor for Confirmands. He has served on the Haiti Mission Team, is a member of the Discovery Sunday School Class, involved in Men's Ministry and is a small group leader.

Bill Refvem: Bill is married to Joanna, and they have five grown children. He recently joined First Presbyterian and is a member of the Discovery Sunday School Class, the Praise Team and a small group. He previously served in other churches as a Sunday School teacher, Small Group Leader, nurse volunteer and on the Worship Team.



Shannon Watt: Shannon is married to Nigel, and they have two grown children. She has been a member for 16 years and has previously served as an Elder, and as a member on the Officer Nominating Committee and Missions Committee. She serves in Women in Ministry as the Hospitality Chair and Co Chair of the Compassion Committee. Shannon is a member of the Pilgrim Sunday School Class and a Women in Ministry Circle.



Alva Whitehead, Sr.: Alva is married to Ida, and they have four grown children. He has been a member for 40 years and has previously served as an Elder and as a Deacon. He serves as a Teacher for the Men's Only Sunday School Class and is a Small Group Leader.