



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 2022



Debbie Jackson — Debbie Jackson has been a member of First Presbyterian for 31 years. She is married to Ken and they have two children, Emily and Tyler. Debbie has previously served as an Elder and on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Interim Pastor Nominating Committee, and Officer Nominating Committees. She has taught in Children's Sunday School and Wednesday night adult and children's programs. She participated in Alpha, Peru Mission trip and Family Promise Ministry, and has served as a Confirmand Mentor, Stephens Minister, Chairperson of Evangelism Committee and the Clerk of Session. (FLOCK 4)



Chris Scott — Chris Scott has been a member of First Presbyterian for 11 years. He is married to Cille, and they have two children, Anne Evans and Pearce. Chris previously served as an Elder, a Deacon, and a member of the Officer Nominating Committee. He currently serves as a Sunday School teacher (3-4), and a basketball coach. (FLOCK 2)



Richie Wilhoit — Richie Wilhoit is married to Ellen, and they have two children, Richmond and Eliza. He has been a member for 13 years. Richie has served as an Elder (Enabling Unit) and as liaison between church and contractor for the Building Project. (FLCOK 3)

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Tabatha Davis — Tabatha has been a member of First Presbyterian for 13 years. She is married to Dr. Paul Davis. They have two children, Haley and Thomas. Tabatha has served as a Deacon, Children's Sunday School Teacher, Wednesday night children's teacher, Sixth Grade Confirmand Mentor, Leader of a middle school girls small group, member of two Haiti Mission teams, member of the Compassion Team, Grace & Truth Sunday School class, and a VBS volunteer. (FLOCK 1)



Allen Griffin — Allen Griffin has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 19 years. He is married to Kathy, and they have two sons, Davis and Kaleb. Davis and his wife, Kristi, have a daughter, Rylenn. Allen has served as an Elder, ordained under ECO; as a Deacon; with the Parking Lot Ministry; and as a Confirmand Mentor. He also is a member of the Discovery Adult Sunday School and served as youth leader and Sunday School teacher. (FLOCK 7)



Jack Hofler — Jack has been a member of First Presbyterian for 26 years since his family first moved to Florence in 1990. He became a member when he received Confirmation. Jack is married to Laura Anne, and they have three boys: John, Ford, and Hayes. Jack has served as a Sunday School teacher for the Veritas Class since 2013. He also has served as a Deacon. (FLOCK 3)



Michael M. Nunn — Michael has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for about 37 years. He is married to Lee H. Nunn. They have two children: Weston and Mills. Michael has served First Presbyterian as a Deacon, Elder, Chairman of the Capitol Building Fund Drive, Clerk of Session, Co-Chairman of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and Chairman of the Enabling Unit. (FLOCK 5)

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Rufus Bratton — Rufus Bratton has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 40 years. He is married to Ashley, and they have two sons, Sims and Will. Rufus previously has served as a deacon. He's also served as a church league basketball coach for about a dozen years. He's a member of Grace and Truth Sunday School class, a leader/greeter with the Inward Initiative. He's also been a Confirmand mentor. (FLOCK 5)



Rob Hall — Rob has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 7 years. He is married to Sasha, and they have four children: Zachary, Joseph, Natalie, and Ethan. Rob has served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, with the children's ministry, Wednesday night meals, small group huddle, and community group. He also teaches the Young Married Class. (FLOCK 2)



Brandon Hylton — Jonathan Brandon Hylton has been a member for more than 15 years. He's married to Ashley, and they have three children, Ella, Charley, and Bailey. Brandon's served as an elementary Sunday School teacher, and a substitute teacher for the Grace and Truth Sunday School class. A former deacon (moderator), Brandon's also served on the Officer Nominating Committee, the Pastor Nominating Committee, and Men of the Church Committee. He also is involved with Family Promise, Respite Night, and Parking Lot Ministry. (FLOCK 6)



Laura Marechal — Laura McLean Marechal has been a member of First Presbyterian Church a total of 42 years — since she was born till age 25 and then 25 to present. She is married to Erik, and they have two children, Matt and Ellen Grace. Her previous and existing service includes being a moderator and co-moderator of a circle. She was director of VBS for two years. She served two three-year terms as a deacon. She's mentored three confirmands. Laura's been a first grade Wednesday night teacher and volunteer with the Youth Ministry. She's involved with the Journey Sunday School class and is a regular participant/facilitator of various women's Bible studies at the church. She's also served two years on the Wednesday night "cook team." And she participates with Helping Florence Flourish, including its "Racial Bridging" group. (FLOCK 8)



Jeremy Williams — Jeremy has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 23 years. He is married to Amy, and they have two children, Lilly and Freeman. Jeremy has served as a deacon, youth leader, assistant teacher in Sunday school, cook at church functions, on the nominating committee and with Vacation Bible School. He also helps with taking Sunday attendance. (FLOCK 4)