

Nominees to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee



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on the Pastoral Care Committee; she is currently a member of the Personnel Committee.



Michael Honeycutt has been blessed with First Presbyterian as part of his life since the age of five. Having grown up in Durham, he graduated from the University of South Carolina. He lived in Columbia SC, Washington DC, and Chazy Lake, NY before returning to Durham with his husband, Paul Pasquarella. Michael has served as a Deacon at FPC and is actively serving as a ruling elder - Class of 2022. Michael is currently a Senior Specialist with the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department.



Keith Merritt has previously served as a deacon. He and wife Carolyn are parents to Mary Ellis (11) and William (6). Keith and Carolyn have both taught Sunday School (Pre-school Class), and before they had kids of their own, they served as youth advisors. Keith works for a bio-tech company in research and development.



Griffin Momsen-Hudson is a junior at Cedar Ridge High School where he is active in their theatre program. Griffin has been at First Presbyterian his entire life and he enjoys participating in his Sunday School class with the high schoolers and the Lectionary Class during the summer. Griffin is actively serving as a ruling elder – Class of 2021.



Marcia Lorimer joined First Presbyterian with her family in 1992, shortly after moving to Durham. Marcia has been active at FPC in a variety of roles. She has served two terms as Elder, taught Sunday School, and has continued as a longtime member of the Christian Education Committee. For a 10 year period (when her sons were younger), Marcia was the unofficial “Acolyte Mother” who rounded up those youth assigned to be crucifer and acolytes for each Sunday! She is an active member of the Primetimers fellowship group, the Bible Study Group, and a new member of the Book Group. Marcia is graduate of Mt Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, CCNY, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (PNP program), and UVA. She is a pediatric nurse practitioner and is retired faculty from Duke, where she taught for 21 years.



Since joining FPC in 2004, **Cris Rivera** has served on the Diaconate and Session, and as a Sunday School teacher, confirmation mentor, youth counselor, and liturgist. Professionally, Cris is trading in a finance hat, and becoming a certified HR professional working on DEI and workplace development initiatives. Cris and spouse Beth Stringfield are FPC’s “chefs in residence” and prepare meals for church fellowship events and officer meetings. Cris is actively serving as a ruling elder – Class of 2020 and co-chair of the Stewardship Committee.



Amy Wilson joined FPC in 2011 with her husband, Gray. They have two children, Julia and James. Amy is a member of the Chancel Choir, Scratch fellowship group, and the Worship and the Arts Committee. She also serves as a Sunday School teacher for younger children and a Youth Advisor. Amy graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with degrees in Spanish and Religious Studies, and then from Wake Forest University with a Master in Education. She is actively serving as a ruling elder – Class of 2022.

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