

2025 Nominating Committee Report Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church

Elder Nominees (class of 2028)



Dottie Anderson grew up in Tuscumbia, Alabama, as a Southern Baptist. Church camp, mission trips, choir tours, and service as a summer missionary with young people and a church youth director in Buffalo, N.Y., led to her call into ministry as a vocation. She enrolled in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville in the mid-1980s and earned a Masters of Church Music with an emphasis in youth ministry and missions. From 1986 to 2014, Dottie served part time in Southern Baptist and United Methodist churches in the Louisville area and in Birmingham, Alabama. Her search for a different vision of how to serve in ministry led her to Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church.



Aaron Baer attended his first worship service at CHPC in June of 2024. Three days later, he joined congregation members for dinner. "I'd found Christ and community here," he says. "I sat with the operations committee as they discussed the needs of the church and felt called to service." Aaron has continued to serve on the OPS Committee and also serves as the church treasurer.



Katherine Alexander Futrell is a lifelong Presbyterian. Church liturgy and hymns were the soundtrack of her childhood growing up as the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. Before joining CHPC in 1991, Katherine was a member of Highland Presbyterian for 11 years. It was there that she was ordained as a ruling elder. Over the years at Crescent Hill, Katherine taught Sunday school, was a member of the youth team, and sang in the choir. She recently joined Presbyterian Women. After returning from eight years in Florida, Katherine re-joined CHPC. "It felt like coming home," she says. Katherine is a retired public-school teacher, having taught 32 years in JCPS. She enjoys gardening, reading, and making art.

Deacon Nominees (class of 2027)



Barbara Hedspeth has been a member of CHPC since the late 1980s. She has happily sung in the choir for a number of years and assisted in hiring the last two music directors. She is just finishing a term on the Session and has served on the Personnel Committee as well as the OPS committee and is now offering to serve as a deacon. At home, she is a semi-retired mental health professional working as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.



Aaron Davidson is Music Director at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church and became a member of the congregation earlier this year. He received a piano scholarship to attend the University of Kentucky and graduated in 2010 with a B.A. in Music & Liberal Arts. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking outdoors, reading, meditation, and yoga. His goal as Music Director is to help foster a deep sense of community and connection through the power of music. Aaron is interested in becoming a deacon because he wants to do everything he can to ensure that the church not only survives but begins to thrive again.

2026 Nominating Committee At-Large Nominees



Janine Linder moved from Atlanta to Louisville in 1988 with the rest of the PC(USA)'s Westminster-John Knox Press staff. After visiting CHPC, she says, "I received regular calls from Izzy Jones and/or Lucy Steilberg until I came back." She and her late husband, Lowell, bought a house on Crescent Avenue across from the church. They both taught in the church's English Language Learners program and served as deacons and elders. When Lowell died in 2015, "the church was there for me and for our families," Janine says. "I will never forget it."



Polly Cushman and her husband came to Louisville in 1988, and she joined CHPC the first time in 1989. She was ordained as a ruling elder by CHPC in 1992 and served on the Session. She and Jim moved away in 1994. After Jim died, Polly moved back to Louisville in 2019 and was delighted to join CHPC again partly because she already had so many friends here. From 2020 to January of 2025, she served as the Clerk of Session for CHPC. She also sings in the choir and participates in Presbyterian Women.

—2025 Nominating Committee—

Eva Stimson, Barbara Hedspeth, Janine Linder, Shannon Langley, Polly Cushman