Congregational Meeting *Sunday, September 13, 2026*

Submissions from Nominating Committee for the Class of 2029

Sara Chini (Witness)



I was born in a rural community in Clarendon County in South Carolina. I graduated from East Clarendon high school and attended the University of South Carolina where I earned a BS in nursing. After graduation, I moved to Atlanta and initially worked at Egleston hospital for children. I later worked at Grady in the NICU. I also worked at what was then Crawford Long. That hospital also changed names to Emory Midtown. I also worked in the NICU there. I retired from Emory after working for 32 years there. As a teenager, I joined Midway Presbyterian Church. I was also a member at Chapel Woods in Decatur and Snellville and also Trinity Presbyterian Church in Covington. I have been a member at First Presbyterian since 2023. I am married to Robert Chini and have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. I enjoy camping with my husband and family.

Kenny Compton (Facilities)



I was born and raised in Miami, Florida. I graduated from Georgia Southern University and have lived in Conyers for over 30 years. I have worked as a facility manager for 30 years in the hospitality, manufacturing and educational industries. I've been a member of FPC for 25 years. My hobbies include costume and prop making, primarily centered around the Star Wars universe, jewelry making, and other creative outlets. I'm excited to answer the call to serve our church that has given so much to me over the years.

Pat Harper (Welcome)

Pat Harper has been a member of First Presbyterian Church Covington since the early 1980's. In recent years she has deepened her commitment to leadership serving as Worship Elder and contributing to Witness, Worship and Thriving Congregation Teams. She is currently also serving on the Personnel Committee.

Pat is an active participant in many facets of church life, including the Foundations Sunday School Class, the Elizabeth Ann Presbyterian Women's Circle, SOS seniors' group, and the Wednesday morning Coffee Group. She finds particular spiritual fulfillment in the Lectio Divina Bible Study and Sunday Worship Service.



A resident of Covington, Pat raised her four children in the community and now cherishes her time as a grandmother. She views her senior years as a continuing journey of seeking God and considers her church family to be an essential cornerstone of her life.

Donna Weesner (Preschool)

Donna Weesner is a native of Newton County and a graduate of the Newton County School System. She attended Young Harris College, the University of Georgia, and Georgia State University. Donna holds a Bachelor's Degree of Home Economics in Early Childhood Education and Development from UGA and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from GSU. After 37 years of teaching first and second graders in the Newton County School System, she retired and continues to be a substitute teacher there.

First Presbyterian Church Covington is her church home and has worshiped here for the last 28 years. As a member, she has served as an elder on the welcoming committee. Donna volunteers with FPC vacation bible school, the food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and is a table parent for Soul Feast. She also assists with greeting and ushering on Sundays. Donna is on the welcoming and witness committees and is currently a board member for First Presbyterian Community Preschool.



Nominating Committee 2026-27

Hardy Sideris (Chair),
Ansley Holder, Bob Rose, Bethany Wells