

2024 OFFICERS-ELECT

Deacons-Elect



Lea Fiddick joined FPC last summer by transfer of membership from Western Presbyterian in D.C. There she served as a Sunday School teacher, assistant director of the annual Christmas Pageant, and Deacon. Currently, she is a Lead Teacher at Easter Seals, a non-profit preschool serving the special needs community. In her free time, Lea enjoys writing fan fiction, autism advocacy, long walks, and reading science fiction. Since coming to FPC, Lea has assisted in Godly Play and looks forward to being a deacon.



Gary Hughes has been attending FPC since 2002 and joined the church in 2020. He is married to Elder Melanie Hansen. He has one child, Hunter, and step-kids Emily & Morgan. Gary is a Century 21 realtor who loves to help people find the right home. He enjoys sailing, swimming, snorkeling and beaches. His best friend, besides Melanie, is his sweet pup Yogi. Gary is a frequent liturgist at FPC and plans to continue playing the role of Jesus whenever Pastor Juli requests it.



Darcy Patanakul began attending FPC in 2018, looking for opportunities to explore her faith and contribute more to the community. She is a longtime Shirlington resident where she lives with her husband Flowarin, son Luke, and two rescue gerbils. She has worked for the Department of Defense for the past twenty years in a variety of assignments, including working for a few years in South Korea. She grew up in Lanham, Maryland, where she regularly attended Berwyn Presbyterian Church with her parents. In her spare time she like activities that involve music, yoga, and reading. She enjoys being a Sunday greeter and has been a regular at our neighborhood clean-ups.

Ruling Elders-Elect



Hari Rao started attending FPC in 2008 and became a member the same year. He was baptized in the church in October 2008. For four years Hari was a regular attendee of the FPC non-traditional worship service, Holy Grounds, which ended in 2012. He has served two terms as a Deacon, one from 2009-2012, and the second from 2017-2020. His daughter Charlotte was baptized at FPC in October 2016. His wife Heather has also served as an Elder from 2020-2023. This is Hari's first term as an Elder.



Norman Kim-Senior joined FPC in 2020. The first thing to know about him is that he is the son of a single mother who began her motherhood journey as a teenager. It is also important that you know that he is a husband, a father and a brother. This fact has shaped much of Norman's outlook on life, his approach to his community work, and the future that he is trying to build.

Norman moved to Alexandria 6 years ago, with his wife, Tran Kim-Senior, daughter (Amaya) and son (Damani), and they have loved discovering all that the community has to offer. Norman founded the "SunRelays festival," he is about to self-publish a children's book called "Dream With Me Mama" and he runs the website "A Mile With You." This summer, after 19 years in education, Norman will make a career transition to financial advising. He will join Northwestern Mutual starting in August as a Financial Advisor.

Norman has served as the finance elder for FPC since 2021, and this will be his second term on Session. Creating strong communities is a key focus of his life, and he looks forward to continuing that work with his FPC family.



Jim Moser joined FPC in 2015 and served on Session from 2015-18. Jim works for the US Navy and volunteers for the board of Navy Federal Credit Union. He resides in Arlington with his wife Carly, and they have two grown children, Aidan & Rachel. Jim currently serves as our Clerk of Session and is an active member of our Finance team. He will be coming onto Session for a two-year term.