



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

Nominees for Session Class of 2029



Meghan Bawcum became a member of First Pres in 2008 and enjoys volunteering in children, youth, and music ministry. She teaches orchestra and chorus in Jefferson City schools, and can usually be found reading, cooking and baking, or hanging out with daughters Evie (13), Nora (7), and Waffles the dog.

Stephen Covington and his wife Greta joined FPC in the summer of 2006 when they moved from Atlanta. Greta grew up in Athens as a member of FPC. They are both active members of FPC. Stephen has served once before on the Session (2014–2016) and served on the Senior Pastor Search Committee that called Rev. Dr. Ryan Baer in 2018. Stephen works in business development for Mercer Consulting LLC. Stephen enjoys sports, reading, and attending live music concerts. Greta and Stephen have two girls they raised at FPC: Celeste (24) and Ann Harper (22).



Andrew Griffeth and his wife Lindsay have been members of First Presbyterian Church for over ten years. He graduated from Furman University in Greenville, SC with a degree in Business Administration. Andrew is the owner and operator of Gridiron Golf Club. Andrew and Lindsay are the proud parents of Sawyer (8) and Sutton (6). Andrew enjoys playing golf, pickleball, and watching Georgia athletics.

Anne Marie Miller and her husband Tony moved to Athens in February of 2021 when Presbyterian Village Athens opened. They joined FPC in 2023, already having joined the New Voices Sunday School class. She worked for many years in the Gwinnett County Schools before retiring in 2021, as well as serving as an Elder and Church Treasurer at Decatur Presbyterian Church, and volunteering with La Leche League leading group support meetings and being part of their hotline support system. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and a large cat who decided he was coming to Athens with them rather than staying with their son's family. They like reading, writing, music, and traveling.





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Mike Morris and his wife Eve have been members of FPC for over 30 years. They are parents of Erin and grandparents to Margaret (5) and Michael (3). Mike is a Triple Dawg and a retired attorney, having practiced law in Athens for forty plus years. Mike has served FPC in several capacities, including multiple terms on the Session, stewardship chair, capital campaign committee, legal representation, teaching Sunday School, and chair of the Associate Pastor Search Committee that called Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard in 2023. Mike presently serves on the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

Leslye Queen has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years and has been a Ruling Elder since 2014. She has served on two FPC Search Committees, taught Sunday school, and has been a youth group chaperone. She has been a member of the October Flower Committee for about 10 years. She served on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (2015-19), was Moderator of Presbytery (2020), and was chair of the Coordinating Team (2021). Leslye enjoys walking in the woods and listening to audiobooks and music while working in the yard. She and her husband Chris have a daughter, Katherine, who is a sophomore at Georgia Tech.



Laura Toney is a seventh-generation Presbyterian in Northeast Georgia and an FPC member since 2002. She has previously served on Session, on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and is a member of our Stephen Ministry. With her husband, Chuck, she enjoys gardening and spending time with family, especially their grands. As a retired art educator, she enjoys drawing and painting, in addition to community service through the woman's club.

Gail Wilfong is a native Athenian and grew up coming to FPC. After retiring from teaching in Atlanta's Fulton County Schools, she moved back to Athens and rejoined the church. She has helped with Godly Play, Bible School, and Family Promise. She has enjoyed tutoring at Athens Academy's Lower School and volunteering with several other organizations in Athens. Gail loves playing pickleball and Mah-Jongg, exercising, going to book club, and traveling.

