

Biographies of Nominees for Church Officers

**Elders, Deacons, and
Congregational Nominating Committee**



**Congregational Meeting
October 16, 2022
12:00 noon in the Sanctuary**

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Dear Members,

Your Congregational Nominating Committee is pleased to present to you the following slate of five elders in the class of 2025; four deacons in the class of 2025; and nine congregational nominating at-large members for 2023. This election will also include one deacon filling an unexpired term in the class of 2024.

We are confident that these individuals will help to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of our congregation and move us forward in our vital ministry in the Sarasota community and beyond.

We are thankful for each of these people and are grateful that they have responded to the call to serve God and our church in this manner. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they embark on this stage of their faith journeys and in the leadership of our church.

Blessings,

The Congregational Nominating Committee

Dick Clapp, elder, co-moderator

Karen Olson, elder, co-moderator

Dick Wigton, deacon representative

Elaine Barnett

Ed Clissold

Kay Dunn

Pat Higgins

Scott McLeod

Jinny Miller

Carolyn Simmons

Sandi Soper

David Landers

ELDER NOMINEES

BETH BYRON-REASONER

Elder, Class of 2025

Beth and her husband, Andy met in Orlando when she responded to his personal ad in the newspaper (LONG before dating apps were a thing!) and moved to the Bradenton/Sarasota when Beth took a position at Tropicana in 1995. As a fifth generation Bradenton-born native, it was a homecoming for Andy.

Originally from Clifton Park in upstate New York, Beth graduated from Syracuse University with degrees in Human Resources and Accounting. She has an MBA from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and has had a decorated marketing career with Fortune 100 companies including Frito Lay and Pepsi. At Boar's Head Brand for the last 14 years, Beth has held a number of different roles in the marketing department and is currently responsible for a team that purchases, warehouses and distributes the in-store branded equipment and marketing support materials for Boar's Head Purveyors nationwide.

Lured to First Presbyterian Church Sarasota by rave reviews from friends about the preschool, Beth joined FPC in 2005 and Andy transferred his membership from First Presbyterian Bradenton, where five generations previous a Reasoner had been a founding member. Their children, Tyler and Lauren, attended the preschool and grew up in the church, participating in Sunday School, Christmas pageants, youth group, Montreat trips, and serving as part of the tech support team for Sunday services. Beth has served the congregation in several capacities over the years including as a member of the Preschool Board, an elder, and Stewardship Chair. She currently sits on the Foundation Board.

With kids in college now, Beth and Andy are enjoying being empty-nesters. It gives them new college football teams to cheer for, time to work on home renovations and freedom to enjoy RV life.

DAVID HOUSEHOLDER

Elder, Class of 2025

Dave and his wife, Andrea, are active members of First Presbyterian church who usually attend the NewSong service. They have been married for 16 years. Dave has two daughters, one in Columbus, OH, and one in Scranton, PA. Andrea has a daughter and one grandson in Land O' Lakes, FL, and another daughter in Ambridge, PA.

Dave comes from Ellwood City, PA. Following high school, he was a Navy helicopter crewman. He earned his degree in education and later a master's degree in counseling services from Slippery Rock University, PA. For over 30 years he was a counselor, supervisor and manager for Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, providing services to people with disabilities.

Dave was raised Baptist. After a falling away during young adulthood he returned to the faith and became active in the North Sewickley Presbyterian Church, PA. He served multiple terms as elder, and several years as the clerk of session. He also served on and chaired the Mission Committee of Beaver/Butler Presbytery, served on a Self-Development of People committee in the Synod of the Trinity, and served as commissioner to the 220th PC(USA) General Assembly.

Dave is just completing a three-year term as elder here at FPC. He served as co-moderator of the Mission and Justice Committee and helped with the search for both Pastor Margaret LaMotte Torrence and Pastor Craig Miller.

MARVIN MILLER

Elder, Class of 2025

Marvin and his wife, Mary Ellen, are parents of three sons, and grandparents of two granddaughters and two grandsons. Marvin has a B.A. in Music from Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana and an M. A. in Education from James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. He has taught middle and high school music and directed church choirs

for over 50 years, during which time he and Mary Ellen, with their family, lived in Goshen, IN, Sarasota, FL, and Harrisonburg, VA. In 1981 they moved permanently to Sarasota where Marvin became Minister of Music at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church.

Marvin and Mary Ellen were raised Mennonite, and in the early '90s served under that mission board for three years as teachers in a mission school in Nairobi, Kenya. Following their return in '94, Marvin began serving as Director of Music in Presbyterian churches—first at First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton, and then at Covenant Life Presbyterian Church, Sarasota. While being employed part-time there, he worked full-time as Church Music Consultant at Mathis Music in Sarasota.

In 2002, as he was retiring, he and Mary Ellen became members here at First Presbyterian where Marvin was invited to assist the choir as tenor section leader. Soon they joined the World Service Committee. In 2005, with the committee's endorsement, Marvin and Mary Ellen became Mission Team Leaders to assist in constructing a church building for a small, growing congregation in Kenya—Ruku Presbyterian Church. For 11 years, FPC and Ruku Presbyterian, partnered to build a new building for Ruku's worship and mission in that community. For 8 out of the next 11 years, mission teams went and assisted in that work, and in 2016 the new building was dedicated.

Marvin has served as deacon and elder at FPC Sarasota. He loves music and is a dedicated member and supporter of the choir and its mission. In addition to music, his hobbies are reading and woodworking. He has a small furniture repair business.

CARRIE MILLS

Elder, Class of 2025

Carrie met her husband, Lorenzo, when she accepted a job as a puppeteer at "Das Puppenspiel" Puppet Theatre in Westfield, NY. They married in 2001 and came to Sarasota in 2004. They have two children, Henry (14) and Alice (10),

a chihuahua mix named Hopper, and a Siamese kitten named Milkshake.

Originally hailing from Allentown, PA, Carrie attended Penn State, earning a BA in Theatre Arts. She worked for regional and children's theatres across the country (like The Utah Shakespearean Festival and The Missoula Children's Theatre) for the better part of ten years before attending Arizona State University to earn her MFA in Theatre for Young Audiences. Carrie moved to Sarasota to become the Education Director for Asolo Rep. She jumped into the formal classroom in 2007 and has been heading the theatre department at Booker Middle School since 2009.

Having been raised in the Presbyterian Church, Carrie has been singing in the choir and playing handbells since elementary school. She served on the worship committee in Allentown, was a Youth Advisory Delegate to the 1994 General Assembly and has helped coordinate special services and concerts here at FPC Sarasota. Carrie served as an FPC elder in 2022, filling an unexpired term, co-moderating the Education and Formation Committee, and served as a member of the recent Pastor Nominating Committee to select our new pastor /head of staff.

She and her family enthusiastically participate in the Rise Against Hunger events. Carrie enjoys baking, hiking, reading, and napping.

SUE NURCZYK

Elder, Class of 2025

Sue was born and raised in Red Bank, on the New Jersey shore. She and Gary moved to St. Petersburg in 1980, and then to Sarasota in 1984. Sue joined FPC shortly thereafter and raised her daughter, Molly, in the church from 1993-2012, when Molly left for college.

Sue has worked over four decades as a Technical Writer and Manager of technical writing teams. Sue currently leads a team for JP Morgan & Chase.

This will be Sue's sixth term on session at FPC, beginning in 1986 and spanning the last 35 years. Sue has served as Worship Moderator and Adult Education Moderator. She served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Rev. Susan DeWyngaert, and led the Fourth Service Committee that established the NewSong service. Sue has also taught Sunday School on and off for decades.

Sue likes to read and serve as a volunteer judge for Odyssey of the Mind competitions. She also collects Disney purses, and loves her two chihuahuas, Mimi and Winky.

DEACON NOMINEES

DENVER STUTLER

Deacon, Class of 2025

Denver is married to Jenn. He attended the University of Central Florida where he received his BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering and played football. Denver is a co-founder and CEO of US Submergent Technologies, a company that specializes in cleaning in deep wet conditions. He was formerly the Chief of Staff to Governor Jeb Bush and is a former Secretary of Florida Department of Transportation. Jenn has a degree in Construction Management and is president and owner of Stutler Strategies, a consulting firm specializing in Construction space.

Denver has two sons: D.J. Stutler who is in medical school, and Chandler Stutler who works for his dad. Jenn has 14-year-old twin daughters, Jaidyn McAlister and Kaitlyn McAlister. The family has two cats: Pumpkin and Boo.

Denver is passionate about feeding the hungry. He is currently serving on the FPC Stewardship Ministry Team. In his free time, he enjoys yoga, swimming, reading, and family vacations. He and Jenn play tennis together and enjoy spending time with the kids.

BETH KNOPIK

Deacon (filling an unexpired term in the Class of 2025)

Beth Knopik, a Virginia native, has lived in Sarasota for most of her adult life. Beth and her husband, Steve, joined FPC in the mid-90s. During that time, Beth has taught Sunday school, became a Stephen Minister, volunteered as an usher, and has worked on numerous youth programs and fundraisers. Beth especially enjoys the NewSong service. Outside of church, Beth worked as a commercial banking officer, raised a family, and gives her time to local, regional, and international non-profits.

In 2012, Beth's family endured a tragedy when their teenage daughter, Leanna, passed away from a rare heart disease. Beth's life mission is to preserve, share, and expand Leanna's legacy. Now an author and certified life coach, Beth writes articles on grief, co-leads support groups for the Blue Butterfly Grief Center, and offers stress management courses with Easterseals for parents of children with special needs. Beth recently finished her memoir, *Beyond the Rainbow*, which will be released this fall. Beth and Steve also have a wonderful son, Rogers, who lives in Los Angeles, CA pursuing a career in film production.

SUSAN BEACH CARTER

Deacon, Class of 2025

Susan has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since moving to Sarasota from Michigan in 1993. Her parents, Joseph and Eleanor Horvath, were members. Sue and her husband, Clay, attended when visiting. After they moved to Sarasota and joined the church, Sue became a deacon and Clay became a member of the session. Sue joined Presbyterian Women and a Circle. After being active for some time she was installed as the Moderator of our Presbyterian Women. She says, "Although there are fewer women's Circles, the friendships formed in these groups are priceless!"

Sue looks forward to serving as a deacon again to form new friendships while she works with and for Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church. She thanks God for this opportunity and pray that God will guide her.

PAMELA J. MATHES

Deacon, Class of 2025

Pam is the mother of three adult children and their families, including five grandchildren.

About 12 years ago Pam's son, daughter-in-law, and two young children relocated from New York State to Sarasota. She visited several times from New York, and before long two more babies were born. She quickly became a snowbird! Then in 2019, Pam relocated permanently to Sarasota.

Pam was an educator and administrator in the Elmira City Schools for 37 years and a visiting lecturer at Elmira College, Mansfield University, and The State University of New York. Serving on boards and committees, and with non-profit organizations in Elmira was a passion. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Elmira for over 45 years, worked on the mission and hospitality committees, and served several terms as a deacon and as an elder.

Pam's hobbies are playing the piano, reading, knitting, gardening, and quilting.

Pam says, "First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota embodies all I left behind at FPC Elmira. I am grateful for the warm welcome and numerous opportunities to continue serving our Lord."

MARCIA SCHAPER

Deacon, Class of 2025

Marcia is a native of Kansas and is a graduate of Washburn University in Topeka, KS. She taught elementary school in California and Kansas. Marcia is married to Larry. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

At First Presbyterian Church, Marcia has been an elder, taught Sunday School, and helped coordinate Salt Shakers dinner groups. She currently serves on the Membership and Fellowship Committee and is a past member of the Nominating Committee.

Other volunteer activities include being a Meals on Wheels driver, helping in the Children's Department at Gulf Gate Library, and mediating in small claims court for the 12th Judicial District.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

ELAINE BARNETT

Nominating Committee (2023 - 3RD Year of Service)

Elaine and her husband, Jim, have been members of First Presbyterian in Sarasota since 2000. They have been married 60 years and have resided in Bradenton for 37 of those years. They have one terrific son, one lovely daughter, one wonderful daughter-in-law, and five amazing grandchildren.

Elaine and Jim moved to Florida from Monroe, North Carolina, a small town just outside of Charlotte. Before that they lived in Chapel Hill, NC and Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Jim is a retired banker who failed at that retirement and served four years as a Development Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation.

Elaine is a life-long Presbyterian who has served two congregations as their Director of Christian Education and two presbyteries as an Associate Executive Presbyterian for Education and Mission. She is a Certified Christian Educator and an Ordained Elder in the PC(USA). She has served on the session at FPC four different times and on search committees for two of our Associate Pastors and a Director of Music. Currently, Elaine is on the Education and Formation Committee. She was on the Leadership Team of our Faith Focus Weekend/Pastoral Development Seminar since its inception in 2013, through 2020.

At First Presbyterian, Elaine has taught Sunday School, Logos and Adult Education classes. She has volunteered weekly at the church office. Elaine has served Peace River Presbytery as the Moderator, on COM, Committee on

Preparation for Ministry, and on the Personnel Committee. She was the chair of the FPC 2020/2021 Mission Study Team.

ED CLISSOLD

Nomlnating Committee (2023 - 2ND Year of Service)

Ed Clissold is married to Rebecca and has three children, Ethan (18), Daniel (13), and Caroline (13). A lifelong Presbyterian, he grew up in Tennessee, but also has lived in New Jersey, Illinois, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Indiana. After graduating from business school at Indiana University in 2002, Ed joined Ned Davis Research, a stock market and economic research firm in Venice, where he provides analysis to fund managers and wealth advisors.

One of the first things Rebecca and Ed did after moving to Sarasota was look for a church, and First Presbyterian, Sarasota, immediately felt like home. Their three children have all been baptized and raised in the church by loving pastors, Sunday School teachers, and friends.

Ed has held several volunteer positions at First Presbyterian. He has served two terms on session, including head of the Finance and Business Affairs Committees. Ed has also been stewardship chair, scholarship committee chair, youth leader, and Sunday School teacher. Outside work, family, and church, he enjoys swimming with the masters swim club and playing with their puppy.

KAY DUNN

Nomlnating Committee (2023 - 2ND Year of Service)

Kay and her husband, Bill, met in high school in Asheville, NC. They married and finished college together at FSU. Kay later went to USF for a degree in Library Science. She retired from the Sarasota County School Board after many years of being a teacher and a Media Specialist. Kay and Bill have three children, Wendy, Barry, and Nathan—all raised at First Presbyterian.

Kay joined FPC in 1979 and has been involved with numerous activities in the church since then. She has served on almost every committee of the church including a Pastor Search Committee and the Church Officer Nominating Committee. Kay has taught Sunday School, been a youth leader, and gone on numerous mission trips. She has previously created countless videos for the church. At present, she volunteers with the FPC *Invest in Children* at Brentwood Elementary School and spends time helping to update the collection of the Cowden-Smith Library.

Kay loves to travel and to do long-distance hiking (always with books in her pack). She enjoys her yard, reading, the beach and just being outside. Spending time with their five grandchildren, including taking them all on a trip each summer, has been a highlight of Kay and Bill's lives for the past several years.

PAT HIGGINS

Nominating Committee (2023 - 2ND Year of Service)

Pat was born and raised in Seattle and received her nursing degree from Emanuel Hospital in Portland, OR. After graduating as an RN, she worked in the operating room. She moved to New York where she met Bruce through Young Life where they both volunteered.

As newlyweds, Bruce's work in banking took them on assignment in Mexico City for five years followed by three years in Caracas, Venezuela. They arrived back in the States with three children, Jennifer, Leigh, and Scott, in tow and lived in Huntington, Long Island, NY, for 33 years while Bruce commuted to New York City before they retired to Sarasota in 2004. After raising their children, Pat returned to school to complete a B.A. in Art and Literature from Empire State College.

During those years, Pat was involved in volunteer work in their church, as a youth leader, Bible study leader, leader of small group ministries, and served on the Committee on Ministry (COM) for the Long Island

Presbytery. She also joined the staff as Ministries Coordinator of her church. During that time, Pat was involved with the American Mothers committee where she served on the national board, and served as a volunteer of the National Prayer Breakfast hosting visiting dignitaries from abroad.

At FPC Sarasota, Pat has served as an usher, deacon, Stephen Ministry Leader, team leader for SURE, and liturgist. She volunteered with FPC's mission to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and has done mission day trips to Immokalee and Beth-El Farmworker Ministry.

Pat's interests are sculpting and painting, enriching travel, reading, and music. She enjoys outdoor cycling and water aerobics to keep fit.

P.A. "SCOTT" McLEOD

Nominating Committee (2023 - 3RD Year of Service)

Scott was born in Sarasota and is married to Janice who was born in Bradenton. They have one son, John, who has served on the Church Officer Nominating Committee. Scott attended Georgia Tech. He was an electrical engineer and manager with Florida Power and Light for 39 years.

Scott is a fourth-generation member of First Presbyterian Church. He was baptized at First Presbyterian in 1952. He has served as an elder, deacon, and senior high Sunday school teacher. He has assisted with Vacation Bible School and previously served as a member of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and as Clerk of Session. Currently, Scott assists with audio and video production during live worship services. He helps out with repairs and technical issues with equipment around the church campus.

VIRGINIA “JINNY” MILLER

Nominating Committee (2023 - 2ND Year of Service)

Jinny Miller grew up near Pittsburgh, PA, and graduated from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, where she met her husband, Ron. Three children and six grandchildren later (and after living in PA, OH, MI, and IN), she and Ron moved to Sarasota where they were blessed with the birth of two more grandchildren and a wonderful new church home.

As an ordained elder and deacon, Jinny has served the church at every level from congregation to General Assembly in both Presbyterian Women and governing councils of the church. She graduated from Wabash Valley Presbytery's Lay Pastor Training and served as Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) for the Presbyterian Church of Edwardsburg, MI, and then for this congregation. She was the first elder to be commissioned as a CLP in Peace River Presbytery.

After serving a term as elder at FPC, Jinny served as one of the parish associates until retiring in December 2016. Her current involvement at FPC includes coordinating with Ron the *Invest in Children* Initiative and partnership with Brentwood Elementary School; teaching as part of the Bible study team for Mary/Martha Circle and Presbyterian Women; and serving on the Mission and Justice committee and the Health and Wholeness ministry team. She loves music, theater, books, cheering for the Tampa Bay Rays and spending time with friends and family—especially with those awesome eight grandchildren!

CAROLYN SIMMONS

Nominating Committee (2023 - 3RD Year of Service)

Carolyn Simmons was born and raised in Sarasota. Her family first came to Sarasota in the 1920s. She was very active in the First United Methodist Church for the first 30 years of her life. In that time, she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, served on the library committee, helped serve communion, and worked with the youth group. Thereafter, church attendance became sporadic.

Then around 2006, a friend invited her to visit First Presbyterian; right away, she felt “at home” and returned to church on a regular basis. In the summer of 2008, she retired from 37 years of teaching in Sarasota County. Teaching high school students United States history had been her passion.

She began transitioning to retirement by becoming a member of the church’s Peace and Justice Committee, serving as Elder from 2009-2011, and volunteering in the church office. While on the Peace and Justice Committee, she became interested in Fair Trade, and since the fall of 2010 she can be seen Sunday mornings at the Fair Trade kiosk (currently on hiatus) made by Elder Marvin Miller.

Besides education, Carolyn’s major causes are the humane treatment of animals and protecting the environment. For fun, she collects typically American artifacts, plays Canasta and Bridge, watches the Hallmark channel, and pampers her two Chihuahuas and five cats.

SANDI SOPER

Nomlnating Committee (2023 - 2ND Year of Service)

Sandra Soper grew up in Wisconsin, where she attended the Evangelic United Brethren Church as a child. In her teen years she attended the United Methodist church, singing in choir, participating in youth group, and teaching Vacation Bible School.

After high school she attended college, majoring in sociology and psychology, completing her teaching credentials in Exceptional Education. After completing her master’s degree in Special Education from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, Sandi and husband, Craig (deceased), moved to FL to be near family.

Joining First Presbyterian Church over three decades ago, Sandi has participated in choir, taught Sunday School, served as an elder, taught Vacation Bible School, participated in Family Promise, Logos, Summer of Service, Invest in Children, Habitat for Humanity, SURE, and the All Faiths Food Bank. She also serves as a member of

the Education / Formation, and Membership / Fellowship Committees.

Her professional work included serving as a Specific Learning Disabilities Program Specialist for the School Board of Sarasota County, and as an adjunct professor of Special Education at the University of South Florida. Sandi served as the Vice President of the International Dyslexia Association, as well as the President of the Florida Branch of IDA, where she currently serves on the Board.

DAVID LANDERS

Nominating Committee (2023 - 1ST Year of Service)

David is a native Floridian. Raised in Bradenton, he was confirmed in the Palma Sola Presbyterian Church. David attended the University of Florida, then enlisted and served five years in the Army as a Russian linguist in the intelligence field during the Cold War. During this time, David lived for 2½ years in Augsburg, Germany. After his military service, David completed his bachelor's degree in zoology at the University of South Florida and embarked on his career as an Environmental Scientist. He has worked as a consultant in this field for 25 years.

David lured his wife Denise to Florida from Ohio, and they were married in 1999 at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church in Tampa. David and Denise have two children—Connor (age 22) and Hazel (19)—both of whom participate in the music ministry in the traditional service.

When Connor was born, David and Denise moved back to Bradenton from Tampa and joined Westminster Presbyterian Church. David was ordained as an elder in 2003 and served multiple terms on session at WPC, serving as Secretary, Building and Grounds Committee chair and a member of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. David has also served on the Board of Directors for Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center for the last 16 years, with occasional one-year breaks. David recently served on FPC Sarasota's Pastor Nominating Committee (2020-2022) selecting our new pastor / head of staff.

ELDERS

The name Presbyterian comes from the Greek New Testament word *presbuteros*, which means “elder” and refers to the leaders of the church. A Presbyterian church is a church governed by elders.

Elders provide Christian leadership to the congregation in all areas of church life. This requires dedicated effort by each individual elder and by the elders as a group. Men and women of committed Christian character are elected, ordained, and installed to serve according to chapter 2 of the Form of Government in the *Book of Order*. “Ruling Elders are so named not because they ‘lord it over’ the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships” (G-2.02).

DEACONS

Deacons, as officers of FPC, also provide Christian service and leadership to the congregation. Our constitution describes the deacons’ work as “set forth in Scripture as one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. . . . Persons of spiritual character, honest reputation, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry” (G-2.02). This is the responsibility of each individual deacon, as well as a coordinated effort by all deacons together. Men and women of committed Christian character are elected, ordained, and installed to serve, according to chapter 2 in the *Book of Order*.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Two elders currently on the session serve on the Congregation’s Nominating Committee, one as the Moderator and one as the Vice-moderator. In addition, there is one deacon representative. The congregation also elects nine at-large members not currently serving on the session or Board of Deacons. The committee receives recommendations from the congregation and the various committees, and selects names to be presented to the congregation.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), representative of the whole congregation and elected by the congregation, has the ultimate responsibility for nominating a minister to the congregation for election as the next pastor. Over a number of months, the PNC will journey through the pastoral search process, seeking to hear the call of Christ and “to participate in God’s own choice” for our next pastor.

First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota
Mission, Vision and Core Values

Our Mission

We believe we are called to faithfully serve
the Lord Jesus Christ, giving glory to God.

Our Vision

We desire to be a leading, faithful, witnessing, diverse
and growing community of God's people.

Our Core Values

Leading

We have an ongoing tradition of leadership in the community.
We are committed to meeting the ever-changing
spiritual and physical needs of our community.

Faithful

Our life together centers on vibrant worship and praise
as we glorify God.

We are a dynamic community of faith -
reformed and always reforming.

We strive to be faithful managers of the gifts
that God has provided for us.

Witnessing

Through compassionate service and working for justice,
we share the hope we have in Jesus Christ
seeking to become spiritual partners with our neighbors.

Diverse

As a community of Jesus Christ, we unconditionally welcome
all people, in the manner of our Lord and Savior.

Growing

We seek spiritual growth for children and adults
through prayer, the teaching and study of Scripture,
and the sharing of our faith's journey.



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