

Elder Nominees - First Presbyterian Auburn Session Class of 2029

Marty Anderson I grew up as an active member of FPC in Anniston. I currently serve on the Mission Committee and am excited to further my church involvement by serving on the session. My husband, Andy, grew up attending FPC in Auburn, and we have attended together here, with our 9-year-old son, Copeland, for many years. My professional background is in special education. I taught elementary special ed for 10 years before starting ALL for Children, a speech and language center in Auburn in 2010, where I work primarily with children with dyslexia.



Jessica Barnes I have been a member of FPC Auburn since 2000. My husband Robbie and I moved here from Austin, Texas over 26 years ago. On our second day in Auburn, Mrs. Jean Talmage visited us on behalf of FPC, delighted us with homemade brownies, and invited me to join Presbyterian Women. This loving church community has become our family and supported us as we raised three daughters and two dogs. Our girls were all born here, and they all graduated from Auburn University. I teach English at Auburn High School, and I am always excited to see children of this church on my class attendance lists--Presbyterians ask the best questions! Robbie and I will become true empty nesters in September when our youngest moves out of the state. In my spare time I enjoy reading, writing, practicing yoga, traveling, and walking our enormous labradoodle, Mister Bingley.

Barry Burkhardt I have attended FPC for more than twenty years and joined the church five years ago. My wife, Mary, and I came to Auburn in 1974. We both had academic appointments at the university. We have two adult children and now two grandchildren. In addition to my position in the department of Psychology, I had a practice as a clinical psychologist for fifty years. I retired from the university in 2019 and I retired from my practice in 2025.



Laura Klugh I have been a member of FPC since 2004. Through the years, I have been a Sunday school teacher, VBS volunteer, elder, greeter, usher, PW board member, and Director of Christian Education at FPC from 2012-2018. My husband, Shane, and I have lived in Auburn since 2003, and we have two sons, Evan and Tyler.

Allison Moore I have been active in the life of First Presbyterian Church since moving to Auburn in 1998, first as a student and then a member. I have served as an ordained elder, finance committee member, taught children's Sunday school, worked with youth programs, chaired the Pastor Nominating Committee and served lots of Punch on the Lawn! I am a CPA and worked for 20 years in public accounting with Machen McChesney. Currently, I am serving as the CFO for Integrea Community Mental Health System based in Opelika. My husband, Eric, and I were married here 20 years ago this summer! Our daughter, Avery, is a freshman at Auburn University and our son, Alex, is a sophomore at Auburn High School.





Susan Patterson I am a lifelong Presbyterian. Attending and actively participating in Presbyterian congregations was part of my family's life wherever we lived. I was four years old when my father attended graduate school at API, and I remember attending First Presbyterian of Auburn's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. After living in Metro Atlanta for many years, my family moved to Auburn in 1969. Naturally, we returned to FPC. Both my parents, John and June Martin, served on Session and in many other capacities over the years. My latest stint at FPC began in 1984, when I married Allen Patterson and returned to Auburn. Our sons, Richard and Robert, were baptized in this church. Over the years, I have served as a Sunday School teacher, committee member, and elder. For many years I was active with the Christian Education Committee and was instrumental in starting the first "Children at Church" program. This was a predecessor to the current "Godly Play" program. I served three terms on Session during Frank Covington's tenure as senior pastor. At various times over those years, I served as chair of the Christian Education, Outreach, and Worship Committees. My involvement with FPC has been limited in the last 15 years due to caring for elderly parents, COVID, and other life events. I am looking forward to serving on the session again, to meet new members, and to contribute to the care and growth of the congregation.

John Sanker I am honored to be asked to serve on Session. My wife, Nancy, and I joined FPC approx 3 years ago after moving from Newnan, Ga. to Auburn to be closer to our son and his family. Nancy and I are life long Presbyterians and were married at Northminster Presbyterian church 55 years ago Aug. 21 in Cincinnati, Ohio. I currently serve on the Property Committee and Nancy will be Circle leader for Circle 2 starting this Fall. We are both retired from careers which included a lot of travel. I was with 3M as sales manager and National Sales director for a division for 35 yrs.. Nancy was Director of Support Group services for the Asthma and Allergy Association out of Washington D.C.. We have lived from the midwest to Colorado to California, Georgia and now here. We're blessed with two adult children and two grandsons. Our daughter, Serena, married to Paul with son Nash who live in Wake Forest, NC. and Our son, Shane, married to Euna with son Eli live here in Auburn.

