

# **NOMINATIONS – FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

## **Session**

### ***Kristen Benway***

Kristen has been a member at FPCB since 2010. She has two young children who were baptized at the church and now regularly attend the Sunday School program. She has been involved with the Sunday School program and active in the worship service through reading scripture and serving communion. She writes, "It has been a joy watching the growth of this congregation over the past year and I am blessed to be part of such a great community."

### ***Lindsey Chadbourn***

Lindsey is originally from Stroudsburg, and has lived in Bethlehem since she attended Moravian College. She and her husband Phil were married three years ago, and were blessed with a daughter, Emmie, two years ago. They joined the church one year ago and have been very happy with the community at First Presbyterian of Bethlehem. She writes: "I am looking forward to becoming more involved by serving as a member of the Session."

### ***Terrence DeFranco***

Terrence was born and raised in the Lehigh Valley and is currently serving as an executive for a technology company based in New Hope, PA. Following his graduation from the University of North Carolina, he lived in NJ while working in finance in NYC. His family attended Pluckemin Presbyterian Church in Bedminster prior to moving to PA. They joined First Pres in 2014 and have been involved with the church since then, becoming much more active in recent years. His wife has volunteered many hours during the transition and their children are involved in the Youth Ministry, and Terrence serves on the Finance Committee. He writes, "We are all very passionate about our service to the church and I am honored to serve on session."

## **Deacon**

### ***Jean Hunsicker***

Jean joined FPC in 1975, and she and her husband raised their five children in this church. A member of a K-group for over 40 years, she has also served on Session, taught Sunday School, served Communion and is presently Chair of the Memorial Reception Committee. She writes, "I look forward to serving as a Deacon at FPC-Bethlehem."

## **Nominating**

### ***Jackie Byrnes***

Jackie has been a member of FPCB since 1985, participating as a hospital ministrant, usher, Mission Committee, Deacon, and Elder. She has served on the Nominating Committee twice before. She is a widow and the mother of four adult sons.

### ***Donna Knepp***

Donna is a long-time member of FPCB, having joined in 1970. During this time she has served the church in many ways, as a Deacon, a hospital ministrant, and a Sunday School teacher. For 20 years, she taught in the Christian education program for adults with special needs. She has also worked in the area of children's ministries for five years and continues as a weekly volunteer during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School class.

***Ginny Shunk***

Ginny has been a member of the church since 1960, having served as a Deacon; hospital, prayer and bereavement ministrant; member of numerous Bible studies and the communion team; and manages the Christ UCC soup kitchen on the days that our church members serve there. A retired registered nurse, Ginny is a Lehigh Carbon Community College professor emeritus. She and her husband, Fred, are the parents of Gary and Amy, grandparents of four young adults and great-grandparents of four.

***Peter McGeary***

Peter's parents met at FPCB and he attended the Preschool program before his family moved away from Bethlehem for the remainder of his childhood. They moved back to the Valley in 1998 and joined FPCB; he was confirmed as a member in 1999 and was active in youth group and the church basketball league. He went away to college for several years, eventually moving back to the Lehigh Valley. Peter and his wife have two boys, Rowan (two) and Finn (four); Finn currently attends FPCB preschool. They attend the Contemporary service on Sundays when not working, and the boys enjoy learning and growing in Christ's love in Sunday School.

***Steve Samuelson***

Steve has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1995 and has been a Sunday School teacher for 22 years. In a prior life, he was youth director at the former St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. A member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, he serves the 135th District (Bethlehem and Bethlehem Township) and is Democratic Chair of the Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

***Lisa Titus***

Lisa and her husband, Rich, started worshipping at FPCB quite a number of years ago while students at Lehigh. Their two daughters were baptized and raised at FPCB. Over the years she has served in many capacities: as a Deacon, as a Trustee, Sunday School teacher, member of the campaign committee, member/Chair of the Fund Committee, member/Chair of the Planned Giving Committee, and currently serves as Chair of the Endowment Committee.

***Jerry Scharf***

Jerry and his wife Cathy have attended First Pres for more than 30 years. He formally joined the congregation in 2017 and helped create and maintain the church's website and other digital communications prior to and during the time of transition. A former journalist, he currently provides Internet marketing services for technology companies.

***Mike Stasak***

Mike has been a member of First Presbyterian since 1988 and has seen three of his children baptized, three children attend Preschool and one child married in the church. He has served as an usher in the Traditional service and a greeter in the Contemporary service for many years. He previously provided transportation and hospitality to Lehigh University students who worshipped here. He is looking forward to becoming a member of the Nominating Committee.