

**Faith Presbyterian Church
Recommendations for Nomination of
Church Officers—Class of 2021**

Your Nominating Committee is interested in receiving recommendations for nominees to the offices of elder and deacon. Please make your suggestion below. You may recommend more than one person. ***Please use a separate sheet for each recommendation.*** You may also submit your own name. ***All nominees must be active members of Faith Presbyterian Church for at least one year.***

“All ministry in the Church is a gift from Jesus Christ. Members and officers alike serve mutually under the mandate of Christ who is the chief minister of all. His ministry is the basis of all ministries; the standard for all offices is the pattern of the one who came ‘not to be served but to serve’ (Matt. 20:28).

“Both men and women shall be eligible to hold church offices. When women and men, by God’s providence and gracious gifts, are called by the church to undertake particular forms of ministry, the church shall help them to interpret their call and to be sensitive to the judgments and needs of others. As persons discover the forms of ministry to which they are called, and as they are called to new forms, they and the church shall pray for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit upon them and upon the mission of the Church.”
The Book of Order (Our Presbyterian Constitution)

Please use one form for each recommended nominee.

The name of _____ is
recommended for nomination to the office of (check one):

Elder

Deacon

(See reverse side for descriptions of the deacon and elder positions.)

To the best of your ability, please comment in the space below on why you think this candidate would make a good elder or deacon. Consider prior church involvement, personal characteristics, particular qualifications, Christian witness in daily life, etc.

Your Name (optional): _____

Elder

Elders are chosen by the people. Together with Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government and discipline, guiding the church and supporting its mission through their governing body, the session. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

As members of the session, elders are elected for a three-year term (with the exception of the Youth Elder, who is elected for a one-year term). They meet the second Monday of each month. In addition to session meetings, elders are assigned to various teams which generally meet monthly to support specific ministries of the church. Elders also help serve Communion and participate in two annual weekend retreats, one in the spring and a second in the fall. This coming year we need to fill the following elder positions:

Youth, Property, Mission, Fellowship, Stewardship

Deacon

Deacons are chosen by the people. The office of deacon is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress, both within and beyond the community of faith. Deacons assist with memorial services, arrange for meals for those in need, visit those who are no longer able to attend regular worship services, pray for those in need of prayer, assist in serving Communion, and participate in annual training. Deacons are elected for a three-year term and meet the second Sunday of each month.

Please turn your completed form in to the church office or to a member of the Nominating Committee, or place it in the designated box in the Welcome Center no later than Sunday, November 12.

Thank you – Your 2017-2018 FPC Nominating Committee:

Steve Mauch (chair)
Kimberly Char
Vicky Chastain
Tracy Cumming
Harry Lewis
John Ravas
Pat Smith