



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

November 2020

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 15

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation (for the election of officers) will be held in person and via Zoom on Sunday, November 15, 2020, immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary.

-Gayle M. Cox, Clerk of Session

Nominating Committee 2021

Gaylan Adams, Greg Robertson, Kim Pittman, Kay Brown and
Nita Cadenhead

Slate of Nominees for Class of 2024

Elders

Rick Riggs, John Harris, Jim Boughman, Amanda Ogden and
Paula Denner

Deacons

John Ellis, Seth Keeton, Holly Guadiana and Blaine Moore

Trustees

Dan MacLemore, Bret Sholar and Richard Hatcher

Meet the 2020 Nominees

Elders



John Harris

This is my second time serving as an Elder. It is important that all members enter into the business life of the church, and I hope after my term everyone is still glad I was recruited.

I love First Presbyterian. If I feel the church is headed in the wrong direction, I will speak up loudly and state my case. Win or lose, I will support 100% the decisions of the Session.

I spent my whole working life as an entrepreneur, owning two successful businesses and have some management skills. I love to fish, have a small antique car hobby and have been married for 52 years to the same wonderful and very understanding lady.

For 60+ years I was a Methodist before finding First Presbyterian Church through the Boy Scouts. I am a lifetime Okie, a veteran, a graduate of OSU and have three children and three grandchildren. I am honored to be asked to serve the church.



Amanda Ogden

I am looking forward to serving as an Elder. I'm a lifelong Presbyterian, but we've been here in OKC about 14 years. I'm an insurance adjuster, my husband Adam sells campers, and you all know Jack.

At FPC, I find lots of ways to be involved and keep busy. I'm currently moderator of Abigail Circle and in charge of programming for adults

for KirkNight. I have also spent two terms here as a Deacon. In my spare time, I enjoyed spending time with all my friends in the Builders' Class.

I also like to bake; paint and craft; spend time outdoors; and let my two dogs outside, then back in again, and repeat.

Richard Riggs



I am honored that I have been asked to serve as an Elder. My only regret is that I leave the Deacons, where I have served the last three years.

During that time I have come to a new appreciation of the care and support provided by our First Church family. In addition to serving as a Deacon, I am a member of the Evergreen Sunday School class and on occasion deliver for Mobile Meals.

I also have a commitment that I hope ends soon and will not be needed in the future—I am a member of the church's Covid-19 Task Force.

I am a practicing attorney, working at the firm I joined when I graduated from law school. My wife Judy and I have immediate family in Stillwater, Milwaukee and West Palm Beach—that includes three grandchildren (with a fourth to come in mid-January).

Jim Boughman & Paula Denner

Due to power outages, we were not able to get bios and pictures for Jim and Paula. We hope to have their information available in the 2020 Nominee handout.

A handout of the nominees will be provided on Sunday, November 15, when the congregation holds its Annual Meeting. The handout will also be included in our online bulletin.

Deacons



John Ellis

I feel honored to be nominated as a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church. I retired this past January after over 30 years in IT work. I also did radio and TV repair for over 13 years before that, including owning my own company.

I enjoy woodworking and am a member of the RAT Pack here at FPC. My wife, Malva, and I have been married for over 22 years. Recently we purchased a used motorhome and I spend a lot of my time working on it. I have three grown children and Malva has four. Between us we have 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and they are spread out all over this country. We have been keeping in touch with them through texts, phone calls and Zoom meetings during this COVID time.

I am thrilled to be a part of FPC and I'm looking forward to serving in any capacity where I can be a help.



Holly Guadiana

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as a Deacon. I live in OKC with my husband Andy, my two kids, George (16) and Alice (20), and our German Shepherds, Auggie and Abby. We also have two cats that love to participate in Evergreen Zoom Sunday School.

When I'm not analyzing spreadsheets for the FAA, I try to fit as many Evergreen-related activities as possible into my schedule, including Reserve the Third, SPARK tutoring, and our unsanctioned Monday-night book club. I am so grateful to have found this church family, and I am honored to serve our church and support our mission.



Seth Keeton

I am honored and humbled to be nominated as a Deacon. My husband, Robert (Robby), and I live in Yukon with our zoo of domestic animals, Hermione, Theo, Mr. Darcy, Archie and Penny.

I am a Quality Analyst and Document Specialist at American Bank Systems where I am gaining more experience with programming and software processes by the day.

In my spare time I enjoy entertaining friends and family in our home and traveling with Robby.

Those who know me well know that although I enjoy festivities with chaotic laughter, my passion is to keep things professional, clean and tidy.

I am grateful to use my positive attitude and Type A attributes to serve the community of First Presbyterian Church.



Blaine Moore

I have been a member of FPC for 25 years and during that time have served on Deacons four times. I filled an unexpired term on Session for about one and a half years. Along with other great teachers in our congregation, I taught junior high Sunday School for 18 years and was a teacher for two confirmation classes. I am also a Stephen Leader and Stephen Minister.

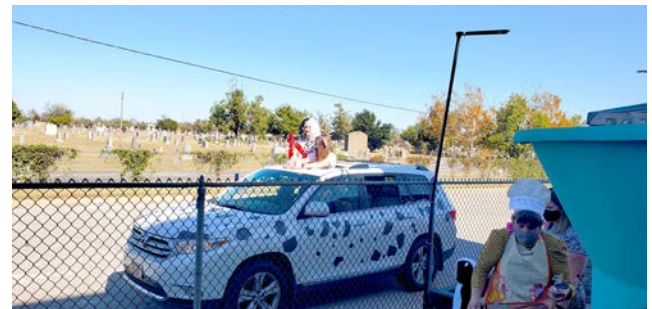
I was a high school math teacher for 15 years and then worked for and eventually bought a Sylvan Learning Center. For the past two and a half years I worked at Southwest Airlines in OKC. I am now retired and have time to once again become more involved with our church.

Being a Deacon has always brought me great joy as we worked together to encourage, serve and honor the members of the FPC community.

Thank Boo!

Thank you to the youth of the church for creating and distributing Boo-buckets to the children of the church. Thirty buckets were left on the front porches of children's homes. Thanks to Caroline Kivett and Jack Ogden for leading this project!

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who turned out for the drive-by Halloween parade. Thank you for making a special memory for our kids!



Reserve the Third

Saturday, November 14 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will be helping out at the Urban Mission during November. This is a busy time of year for the Mission and they need volunteers to make sure families in need are cared for during the holiday season.

Contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com) if you'd like to be involved. Face masks will be worn and social distancing will be observed whenever possible.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Priscilla Circle (via Zoom) — Tuesday, November 10 | 10:00 a.m.

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 829 2057 7686

Passcode: 894518

Phoebe Circle (via Zoom) — Tuesday, November 10 | 1:30 p.m.

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 825 8291 2763

Passcode: 340865

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, November 17 | 6:30 p.m.

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 857 4884 8884

Passcode: 903374

Winter Fundraiser

Presbyterian Women are selling custom FPC mugs for their winter fundraiser this year! The mug is 15 ounces and made of stoneware. These mugs will be perfect for your morning coffee, afternoon tea or hot chocolate.

Each mug is \$12. PW will be selling mugs after service on Sundays. You can also email office@fpcokc.org to order or fill out an order form at fpcokc.org/pw.

You can pay for your mug(s) in two ways:

1. At church: Place your cash or check (payable to Presbyterian Women) in PW's mailbox.
2. Venmo App: Send to @pwfpcokc and put "mug" in memo area.



Children & Youth

Care Crew – Operation: Chores for Cans

We are helping FPC member Cornell Gallagher with his Free Little Pantry Ministry! He is making food available for people in our neighborhood. Care Crew members will do chores at home to earn cans of food to donate to the pantry. More information about the program is in your Sunday School To-go November bag.



Contact Miss Cyndi (cyndi@fpcokc.org) with any questions.

Movie Madness – Sunday, November 15 | 2:00 p.m.

Come to the Tinseltown theater at 6001 N Martin Luther King Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111 on November 15 at 2:00 pm to see a free movie! We will be watching *The Star*. *The Star* is a fun family film that centers around a group of animals and how they get wrapped up in the greatest story ever told: the first Christmas.

We are renting the entire theater so we can safely distance ourselves. Masks are required (except when you are eating popcorn). Popcorn is on you. A small drink and small popcorn is \$7, a small drink and large popcorn is \$8 and large popcorn and large drink is \$9. Children under ten should come with one adult and children over ten should come with a friend.

We have a limited amount of seats so RSVP quickly to Miss Cyndi (cyndi@fpc.org) no later than November 11. Care Crew, this is for YOU!

Holiday Worship

Give thanks with a grateful heart! This year we will gather to do just that for our **Thanksgiving Eve service at noon on November 25**. We will worship in the Sanctuary and the service will be both in person and livestreamed.

If you order KirkNight meals, they will be available for pickup following the service as well as that evening.

On Christmas Eve, we will have a **Young and Young at Heart service at 4:00 p.m.** and our **Service of Lessons and Carols at 10:00 p.m.**

Both services will be held in the Sanctuary and will be in person and livestreamed.

Seating for both services is reserved and limited to church members and their families until **December 15**. At that time, if there are remaining seats, they will be available to the community.

Please call (405-525-6584) or email the church office (office@fpcokc.org) to request the number of seats you would like to reserve.

KirkNight To-go

Pick up a delicious meal every Wednesday in November! To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com.

Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00

Meal for 2: \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

UPCOMING MEALS:

November 4: Sheperd's Pie, Garden Salad and Candy Mash-up Bars

November 11: Creamy Garlic Chicken and Potatoes with Roasted Carrots and Smores Pie

November 18: Chicken and Dumplings with Roasted Vegetables and Apple Cider Donut Holes

November 25: Thanksgiving Dinner (Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls and Pumpkin Pie)

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 29 | 11:00 a.m. Service

2020 has been a year unlike any other. We have been both blessed and challenged abundantly. Times like these remind us what we are about in the life and work of First Presbyterian Church, glorifying God and caring for God's people. I want to thank you for all that you do to support the mission and ministry of your church.

Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure allow First Presbyterian Church to be a vital part of our community and God's work in it. I look forward to you receiving the Annual Report in January, so you can witness God's Spirit at work among us in pandemic times.

Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to your church. On November 29, we will present our pledge cards as an act of worship. You will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee that will contain a pledge card and return envelope. If you would like to participate in Dedication Sunday and choose to worship from home, please return the pledge card in the envelope provided. Pastor John will present all envelopes received on your behalf during the service.

Our sincere prayer is that the Holy Spirit fill your heart with gratitude for God's blessings in your life. Let us join together and rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

ADVENTure To-go

ADVENTure is coming to your house this year! Keep an eye out for a Chrismon on your doorstep. You will be provided with a kit to create your very own ornament.

Chrismon is a combination of the word "Christ" and "monogram," and means "symbol of Christ." They not only serve as a beautiful decoration, but also as a reminder of the true meaning of the season.

Christmas Food Boxes

December 4 & 5 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Save the date to help out with Christmas Food Boxes at The Urban Mission!

- On December 4, we will be setting up, putting boxes together and organizing the assembly line.
- On December 5, we will pack the boxes.

We will wear face masks and observe social distance whenever possible. Contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

November Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

03: Sarah Hausner,
Andrea Jordan,
Jordan Keith,
Janet Rus

04: Randy Welch

08: Michelle Evans,
Emily Vogt

09: Edgar Siewert

11: Katherine Crawford,
Wayne Richards,
Saraellen Woodard

13: Quentin Lusby,
Lee Allan Smith

15: Mary Ann Doolen,
Will Johnson,
Jean Nelson,
Olive Sosiga

16: Caroline Kivett,
Sara Maxwell,
Katie Streuli

17: Grant Brittan

18: Bobbie Adams,
Brian Hall

20: Riley Fitzhugh,
Blaine Moore,
Harold Myers

22: Julie Alvarez,
Naun Alvarez

23: Diane Nola

24: Alexandra Hurley

25: Rachel Boggess,
Scott Buxton,
John Buzan,
Karen Floyd,
Kristi Rogers

26: Sam Dykeman

28: Beverly Brown

29: Nita Cadenhead

30: Jackie Rippetoe

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For more information, please contact the church office at 405-525-6584 or email office @fpcokc.org

Holiday Family Favorites

This year we are on the search for amazing Holiday Family Favorites! Submit your favorite family recipe to share with the whole congregation. We want all the good stuff. Give us grandma's famous stuffing, the dessert no one can resist or a unique dish we've never tried. We'll be releasing a new recipe each week in the E-blast, so be sure to sign up! (You can email office@fpcokc.org to join the email list.)

Once we have collected all of the recipes, they will be combined in a booklet that will be posted on our website and printed by request. Email your recipe to blake@fpcokc.org.

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving.