

OFFICER NOMINATIONS



The Process for Nomination

Beginning in January 2023, the Nominating Committee encouraged congregational nominations for those who might serve in the offices of elder, deacon and trustee.

The Committee met weekly for several months to consider the needs of Parish ministry for Parish Elders and Deacons, and for Governing Elder and Trustee.

Throughout this process, the team sought the Lord's leading through the gathered nominations to present the following nominees for church office for 2024 and beyond.

Please prayerfully consider each candidate for each office and ask the Lord to complete his guidance for discerning those who would lead us at Third.

2023 Nominating Committee

We appreciate the work of the nominating committee over this past year as they have pursued the Holy Spirit's guidance in this process. *At the congregational meeting in November, we will dismiss with thanks:*

Andy Burgess, *elder*

Beth Sprinkle, *elder*

Patrice Foster, *deacon*

Doug Brown

Tracie Meadows

Chris Payne

Annhorner Truitt

Ed Satterfield, *ex officio*

2024 Nominating Committee

The following individuals are presented to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee:

Beth Sprinkle, *elder*

Kathy White, *elder*

Aaron Mullins, *deacon*

Andy Burgess

Ashley Hall

Stephanie Holt

Chris Payne

The Roles of Our Lay Leaders

Elders are elected by the congregation to lead the church in life and mission. They are mature followers of Jesus who together seek to understand and do God’s will by equipping, teaching, and encouraging all the members of the church. There are two kinds of elders, **Governing Elders** and **Parish Elders**.

GOVERNING ELDERS

Governing Elders include congregationally-called pastors (Senior and Associate pastors) and congregationally-elected lay leaders. Together, they act in unity as “the Session.” The lay Governing Elders, nominated and elected from the congregation, serve for a 3-year term. As a Session, they trust that God gives wisdom and direction to the gathered body of elders beyond what he does with them as individuals. They guide the church in strategic planning, stimulating generosity, leadership development, and oversee finances and personnel.

— Governing Elder Nominees are listed on **Pages 4–5**

PARISH ELDERS

Parish Elders focus on nurturing the faith and life of the congregation in their Parish area, helping Covenant Partners get involved in using their gifts and walking alongside Parish members as they navigate faith and growth issues. Parish elders also help those new to Third or who are becoming Covenant Partners connect and become more engaged in the life of the church.

— Parish Elder Nominees are listed on **Pages 6–11**

DEACONS

Deacons are elected by the congregation to lead the church in service and love. The Deacons are mature followers of Jesus who assist the elders by encouraging and stimulating the connection and care between people in the church and the extension of that to the community. They chiefly do this through Third’s Parish Areas and Parish Groups. They also lead the church in cultivating hospitality (greeting, ushering, and fellowship gatherings), and development ministry (financial assistance, mentoring, and practical assistance).

— Deacon Nominees are listed on **Pages 12–17**

TRUSTEES

Trustees are elected by the congregation to help manage and care for the facility and grounds and the organizational life of the congregation. They employ wisdom to ensure the care for and best use of the resources that God has given to the church. They are concerned with maintenance, improvements, matters of security and safety, good financial management, and policies that help use the church resources well.

— Trustee Nominees are listed on **Pages 18–19**



Jason Snook

Governing Elder Nominee, Class of 2026
Not previously ordained at Third

I came to Christ in college when I was 20 and pretty much immediately dove into church and church leadership. Several years later, I met my future wife, Katie. We have two wonderful children, Grace and Josiah, and live in Northside Richmond (Brookland Park). A lot of my non-profit work is dedicated to the elimination of homelessness in Virginia through my work with Virginia Supportive Housing, where I am the current board president and have been a volunteer for over a decade. I'm a partner at CapTech Consulting, leading our research in emerging technologies and customer experience for over 18 years. I hold a PhD in Computer Science from Virginia Tech, where I studied the effect of technology on society. I'm excited to serve Third Church in this new capacity as we navigate the next several years as a church family.



Geof Stiff

Governing Elder Nominee, Class of 2026

My first name is confusing, especially when it is shortened to Geof, pronounced Jeff. My wife Carolyn and I have been attending Third since 1998 after a business relocation to Richmond. We have five granddaughters that bring joy to our lives. We raised two of our boys at Third from the middle school years onward. This will be the third time I have served as a governing elder of Third. As a Governing Elder in the past, I chaired the Mission Committee and served as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee during a time of transition. I have been a member of the Third Mission Team much of my tenure here and have participated in mission trips. Today, I am also serving in a volunteer capacity as our church treasurer where I have a few different responsibilities, one of which is overseeing and tracking all of our capital campaign funds and spending.



Ashley Tuite

Governing Elder Nominee, Class of 2026
Not previously ordained at Third

My husband, Tyler, and I quickly made Third Church our church home when we moved to Richmond in early 2015. We have a son (Townes, 9) and two daughters (Lawson, 6; Amory, 4). Over the years, we have been shown tremendous kindness and grace from the Third community. It has been a joy to be involved at Third in a variety of ways. I am currently chairing the program committee for the Fall Retreat and have previously served as an usher, in Parish Group leadership for a Grove area parish group, and in other volunteer and support roles. It has also been a gift to be in a small group which grew out of a Bible study led by an elder at Third. I practiced law until a few years ago when I transitioned to being a full-time mother of our three active kids. It is an honor to be asked to serve as a Governing Elder and plan to do so with humility and love for this church community.



Kathy White

Governing Elder Nominee, Class of 2026

My husband Randall and I came to Third over 30 years ago when our children were in elementary school. We were looking for a church with strong Biblical teaching and an excellent children's and youth program. Third checked every box! Both our mothers joined Third as well. We raised our three children at Third. Our son Chad and wife Rebecca are at Third with their three daughters and it is such a blessing to see the fourth generation learning about Jesus and serving God in this wonderful place! We have always been active with a couples small group at Third, which has given us close friends to "do life" with, some for almost 30 years. My involvement here has been as an elder, a parish elder, involved in women's ministry, children's Sunday school teacher, and on staff as an Associate Director of Family Ministry for nine years. We believe church is family and take our covenant partnership seriously. I have been asking God how he wants me to use my time now that I am retired and not babysitting my grandchildren as much. When I got the call to pray about being a governing elder, I knew God was nudging me in this direction. I feel honored to serve Third in this way. I love the outdoors, hiking, biking, and traveling but my favorite activity is spending time with my six granddaughters...what a blessed stage of life this is!



Mary Damon

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Mooreland)

My husband Doug and I have been at Third for close to 30 years now. It's hard to believe, but the older of our two daughters was in kindergarten at the time. Third has fostered so much growth for us all these years and we love the rich, deep exploration that goes on here. I have been challenged, privileged and blessed to serve in a number of capacities including Deacon, Parish Elder, Governing Elder, and facilitator of the Metamorphosis Class. In particular, God has been so abundantly gracious in blessing the Metamorphosis community these past 12 years and I have benefited from beautiful relationships and role models there. I am looking forward to taking a role with my parish and seeing what God will be doing with us!



Kyle Frayser

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Northwest)

I am just like you, a follower of Jesus Christ learning to navigate life. With a hunger for the truth of God's Word, I am currently pursuing a dual certificate in Biblical Studies and Spiritual Formation from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. I have been involved in Women's Bible studies both at Third and in the community for over 20 years. I have served as a Governing Elder, Women's Ministry leader, Bible study teacher, and Parish Group leader. I am looking forward to serving you all this term as a Parish Elder for the Northwest Parish Area.



Kevin Jeffer

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Lauderdale)
Serving in a new office

I came to Third as a single guy in 1988. I met Margarete at Third. We got married at Third. Both our children were baptized at Third. Lots of changes over the past quarter-century, but one thing has remained strong: Biblical teaching. For me, that teaching and Third's commitment to global missions led to my first international missions project (to Croatia) in 1989. Life-changing. Since then, my discipleship has led me to Chair the Missions Committee, serve on the Worship Team, lead Sunday Evening Services, host a Weekly Prayer Meeting, and engage in a Men's Bible Study (25 years and counting!). But really, I'm just a guy who loves to garden and pours a mean bourbon. As Parish Elder, I'm hoping to use whatever God has given me to help others feel as connected and energized as I have been during my time at Third.



Sue Kimball

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Lauderdale)
Serving in a new office

My husband and I became members of Third in 1981. We were drawn here by the commitment to the teaching of God's Word and the warmth and friendliness of the people. After my husband's death in 1983, my daughters and I were lovingly cared for by our Third family. I have been a member of Third's Sanctuary Choir for 42 years. During my time at Third, I have directed Children and Youth choirs, taught Sunday School, served in various roles in Presbyterian Women (including Moderator), directed Vacation Bible School, and served a term as Deacon and two terms as Governing Elder. Each of these roles has helped me to grow in my faith and in my walk with the Lord. I have been a Registered Nurse since 1971, retiring in 2020. I have enjoyed my retirement so much! I love having time to spend with my 7-year old grandson. Retirement has also given me time to spend in God's Word while being involved in two women's Bible studies, and enjoying time with friends (old and new). I look forward to serving the Lauderdale Parish as a Parish Elder.



Beth Marriott

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Chesterfield)
Serving in a new office

I was delighted to be invited to become a Parish Elder for Chesterfield! I have been a member of Third since 1991, and I served on Third's staff for 18 years as Director of Connections where I worked in many ministries that helped people connect to the life of the church: Newcomers Classes, Welcome Coffees, Small Groups, Parish Groups, Women's Ministry, Hospitality. I retired from Third in February of 2020. I married Phil Marriott in 2018 and moved to Midlothian where we have been a part of the Chesterfield Parish. We also serve on a Sunday morning Hospitality Team and I serve on the Board of Porch Lights Ministry, which is a non-profit for women of Richmond which offers speaker events and gatherings for women to be encouraged in their faith. Prior to working at Third I worked in business management and sales.



Dana Moore

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Three Chopt)
Serving in a new office

My husband Andrew and I have attended Third for over 15 years and have been members since 2012. Our two oldest daughters attended Third's Vacation Bible School one summer and that was the start of our life here. I love the church's commitment to supporting global missions, encouraging community and seeking the shalom of the city, and that has shaped my service over the years. I've been involved in VBS, East End Fellowship, and STEP, and I've led VBS in Haiti with our Third team three times. With our girls, I've volunteered as a tutor with CHAT (now Rise Richmond) and served as a volunteer and advisory board member for Tiny Tykes Preschool. For years we've enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the Three Chopt Parish. Even though our oldest, Talia, is grown and married, our middle daughter, Lanie, is at college, and our youngest, Sofia, started high school this fall, you'll likely still find me in the nursery at Third! When I'm not spending time with my family or working as a residential architect, I enjoy gardening, touring historic homes and gardens, and quietly paddling on the James.



Jane Mims

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Grove)
Not previously ordained at Third

Our family first came to Third in 2006 because our daughter liked the youth group. Since that time we've appreciated many other things such as the Biblical teachings, music, caring friends, and parish group. I've served as a Grove parish group leader since parish groups started at Third. It's been exciting to see our initial group expand into three groups. I also served as a core leader and children's teacher at Community Bible Study for many years. I served on the Vestry at our former church and have been part of a caring women's small group at Third since 2015. Professionally I worked as a teacher and in Federal and State government. I now serve in leadership in my homeowners association. My favorite activities involve playing with my precious five grandchildren and sweet times together with family and friends.



Speaker Pollard

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2024 (Ridge)

A lifelong resident of Richmond, I've been married for 31 years to Betsy, who has been my invaluable partner in faith – and life generally. We have two children, Anna (26) and Henry (23). I first put my faith in Christ around age 13 and have remained active in church life almost continually since then, being a member of a few churches of different denominations. More recently, we made Third Church our church home and have been covenant partners for about 19 years. I have been an ordained Elder for a number of years, served on Session, and helped Third transition from the PC-USA to the ECO. Together, Betsy and I have served as Sunday School teachers, and I have also served as a lay leader on the Youth Ministry Team. We both participate in the Ridge Parish Group. I am honored and humbled to be called to serve as a Parish Elder and look forward to that role and seeking God's direction for that ministry.



Terra Regrut

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (City North)
Not previously ordained at Third

I was raised in CT. After high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy for six years. I married in 2011, earned my BSN in Nursing at VCU, and worked at VCU Health. I am now busy being a mom of three and a volunteer school nurse at my children's school. I also enjoy helping wherever there is a need. I started attending Third Church with my husband, Dale, and our two girls, Eleanor and Fiona, after we moved back to Richmond in 2019. It was quickly apparent that this church boldly taught God's truth and desired to answer God's call to mission. That was all the more apparent as we started online church services and zoom calls during the pandemic. We were warmly welcomed into our area parish group, and thankfully, were able to stay connected and build relationships even as we transitioned to online gatherings. After becoming a covenant partner in 2021, Dale and I continued to get more involved by hosting and co-leading a parish group in the City North parish area. I was also blessed to spend a year working with Middle School girls during Sunday School. Then we welcomed our third daughter, Greta, into our family in 2022. It was a gift to celebrate her baptism and know that we were amongst a loving community. Now, as a Parish Elder, I look forward to helping others in the same way I felt the blessing of this work in my life when I was a new believer years ago and even as a newcomer at Third. I pray that God will work through me to serve, speak truth to, and encourage others in our church.



Kyle Sherman

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (River West)
Not previously ordained at Third

My wife Emily, daughters Ginnie and Lucy, and I moved from Philadelphia (*Fly Eagles Fly!*) to Richmond in the summer of 2016 and lived in Third's rental house behind the playground. As part of our lease agreement, we were forced to become Covenant Partners...just kidding! We joyfully joined this church community and are so grateful to be part of this body, which has nurtured and blessed us so much. Currently, Emily and I are Parish Group Leaders in the River West Parish. I am also a Sunday night youth group leader. Vocationally, I lead operations for a philanthropic collaborative focused on reimagining and advancing our energy grid. I am honored to serve as a Parish Elder and I look forward to participating in his work of renewal during this unique and fun season of Third's story.



Julia Sleeman

Parish Elder Nominee, Class of 2026 (Gayton)
Serving in a new office

My husband Cliff and I joined Third in 1981 where we gladly raised our two adult sons. We are now enjoying their beautiful families which include three wonderful grandsons. Over the years, I've served Third as a deacon, held leadership roles in women's ministry and worked on various committees. With an interest in community service, I've volunteered for Henrico schools and several local ministries in leadership and helping roles. Since retiring from local government human resources, I've continued to grow through opportunities at Third Church and Community Bible Study where I've been a core group leader for several years. I'm grateful for the many connections enabled through parish activities. It would be a privilege to serve the folks in Gayton Parish as well as the larger community at Third.



Bryce Auker

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (Gayton)
Serving in a new office

I grew up in Lancaster County, PA in a Mennonite church surrounded by relatives and pastors who were also relatives, and I gladly strive to pass on the biblical legacy that I inherited through no action of my own. Hampden-Sydney College brought me to Virginia where I eventually met my wife Lauren. In between undergrad and grad school, I served as a mission volunteer in Africa for a year collecting data for a HIV & AIDS program. Lauren and I became involved in Third Church six years ago through the immigrant tutoring program. We live in Gayton Parish where we're busy raising two young daughters. I look forward to serving Third!



Jerry Boak

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (Mooreland)
Not previously ordained at Third

Jerry Boak and his wife Katharine have been covenant partners at Third since 2021. With their two kids, Grace and Jonathan, they moved to Richmond in 2018 from New Jersey and began attending Third shortly thereafter at the encouragement of friends from New York City who had moved to Richmond the year before. Jerry is a marketing consultant in the financial sector. Prior to Third, he and Katharine were members of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York for sixteen years where he co-founded and co-led the West Side Men's Group. He is an active member of the New Canaan Society and is currently opening a Richmond chapter with three other friends. Jerry and Katharine love the vibrant community of Third and have enjoyed getting to know their Mooreland Parish neighbors. They look forward to the opportunity to serve them.



Katharine Boak

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (Mooreland)
Not previously ordained at Third

Katharine Boak and her husband Jerry have been covenant partners at Third since 2021. With their two kids, Grace and Jonathan, they moved to Richmond in 2018 from New Jersey and began attending Third shortly thereafter at the encouragement of friends from New York City who had moved to Richmond the year before. Katharine is a publishing consultant and editor. Prior to Third, she and Jerry were members of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York for sixteen years where she co-led one of the West Side mom's groups and weekly Bible studies. Since coming to Third, she has volunteered in the children's ministry, the Immigrant and Refugee Tutoring Program, and as an usher. Jerry and Katharine love the vibrant community of Third and have enjoyed getting to know their Mooreland Parish neighbors. They look forward to the opportunity to serve them.



Shawn Garitz

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (Ridge)
Not previously ordained at Third

I am originally from New York but have been in Richmond more than half my life. My wife Kate and I have two children (Jane – 17 and Olivia – 15, both Freeman students). We have been with Third as covenant partners for about two years and were active members of a local Episcopal church before coming here. I am honored to be nominated for the Deacon position. I am excited about the opportunity to strengthen the relationships in our Parish groups including Ridge, and to help those in our church and Parish who are in need. I believe that the Christian communities we are a part of help strengthen our faith and allow us to improve our relationship with the one who makes all things happen (Jesus). I have thankfully tried to do something new whenever I have the opportunity. At my former church, I served on various committees including Finance, Stewardship, and Caritas. I also helped teach Sunday school and served a term on Vestry, which is similar to the Elder position in the ECO. At Third, I serve as an usher and a substitute tutor, and enjoy the opportunity to meet new Parishioners. If I am elected Deacon, I promise to do the best I can to live by faith in action. My favorite verse in the Bible, Philippians 4:13 states “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”



Karen Gothard

Deacon, Class of 2026 (Gayton)
Serving in a new office

My husband Mike and I had both been lifelong United Methodists, but in 2019, we knew it was time to become a part of a different denomination. After visiting a number of churches in the area, we began attending Third Church regularly that fall. Although the pandemic initially hampered our involvement, as soon as the church doors reopened, we were back in person and ready to make new connections. Since that time, we have met many friendly people and been inspired by the God-honoring congregation at Third. I have particularly enjoyed participating in activities with the women's ministry, the Gayton parish, and the tutoring program. I have also learned a lot in classes led by Ed, Corey, Becky, and the Good News Sunday school teachers. In the fall of 2022, Mike and I become covenant partners. We are the parents of 24-year-old twins, Emily and Chris, who both live out of the area. I work professionally as a business manager for a medical distribution company, and I now look forward to serving at Third as well.



Tracy Kistler

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (Northwest)
Not previously ordained at Third

My husband, Jamie, and I are natives of Richmond and have been married 19 wonderful years. We are blessed with two daughters, Julia and Grace. Our family started visiting Third Church at the beginning of the pandemic and have been attending ever since. We especially love the warm community, the energy and ways to connect in, and the genuine faith shared. We have enjoyed getting to know fellow covenant partners in the Northwest Parish. Prior to staying home to raise our girls—a precious season God spent growing my faith—I was in the staffing and recruiting industry. Over the years I have been active volunteering at our former church and at our girls' schools. Now almost an empty nester, I have returned to the field of matching people up with jobs. I love providing new hope and opportunities for positive change to people who want to better their situations. My hobbies are spending time with my family, hiking, watching old movies, and reading books that inspire my passion to live intentionally. It's an honor to have been asked to serve the church in the role of deacon, and with God's help and guidance I look forward to the journey.



David Lynch

Deacon, Class of 2026 (City South)
Serving in a new office

I have been at Third since 1994. After marrying Kay, we were trying to decide whether to attend Third or the church I had been attending. The decision was made for us by Third's choir director, Jane Townsend, who wouldn't take "no" for an answer! We currently sing in the choir, and you should, too; however, my first love at Third has been teaching children's Sunday School where I have been involved with the 5th and 6th graders for twenty-three years. (I couldn't say "no" to Susan Drumwright either). I am looking forward to a second term as a deacon and serving the City South Parish. I have also previously served as a trustee. I hope to use my training as a Certified Financial Planner® to serve the financial needs of God's people.



Kay Lynch

Deacon, Class of 2026 (City South)
Not previously ordained at Third

I am honored to have been asked to serve as a deacon in the City South Parish. I joined Third in 1984 and have been blessed to be a part of Third's loving community through the ups and downs of my adult life. My husband David and I were married at Third in 1994, and while we were dating there was no question in my mind that we would both attend Third. David and I have two adult sons that were baptized as infants at Third and raised in the church. Over the years I have enjoyed serving in the children's ministry and singing with the choir. God has also given me a heart for the elderly as I had the privilege of caring for my aging parents until they passed away in 2020, and more recently forming relationships with my elderly neighbors. God's provision and grace to me here at Third are an inspiration for me to share his love.



Brew Embler

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (Grove)
Not previously ordained at Third

My wife Genevieve and I have been in Richmond since 2015 with our son, Harvey (7) and daughter Sophie (4). We currently live in the Grove Parish and have loved getting to know the hearts of our Parish Group. To have our kids be part of Parish life, has been a blessing to us and them. We both feel blessed to attend a Christ-centered church filled with grace. If not wrangling kids and doing life with Genevieve, I love to fish in my free time. I feel called and honored for this opportunity as Deacon, to serve Third church.



Aaron Mullins

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (City North)

My wife and I started attending Third in the fall of 2018 and became covenant partners in January of 2019. We both serve with Student Ministry on Sunday nights. I look forward to connecting more with my Parish and the rest of Third through service as a Deacon.



Gayle McMunn

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (City North)
Serving in a new office

I believe it is a calling, and an honor to be a Deacon in the church. While I am a bit apprehensive, I know that God has prepared the way for me. I have found this to be true my entire life. As a young adult in Pennsylvania, I was very involved with Krislund, a Presbyterian church camp. Over the years I have continued to be very active in service as an alumni. Professionally, I have worked as a Social Worker and I am currently working as an RN. I am in awe of God's provision as he has equipped me in these different settings to provide care and service to others. I was a choir member for many years in my previous church and also know the joy of connection and koinonia. I look forward to how he will use me at Third! I had visited Third for five years before becoming a Covenant partner a year and a half ago. I have volunteered for several work days as we relocated to Regency and have enjoyed getting to know other Covenant partners. I live in the City North Parish area.



Linnea Walker

Deacon Nominee, Class of 2026 (River West)
Not previously ordained at Third

My husband William and I made Third Church our home after moving to Richmond from northern Virginia in 2017. In 2018, we became Covenant Partners after welcoming our first-born, James (5). Jack (3) joined us in 2019. Third had already played an important role in my life, as this church supported my family as missionaries while with SIM in the 2000's in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and later, Nairobi, Kenya. Having grown up in a home where reformed theology was dinner conversation due to my parents' jobs, I felt right at home in Third's teaching and community. When I'm not in my role as mom to my boys, I work as a director of marketing for a global technology consulting company. I'm honored and excited to serve our community as a Deacon in the River West Parish, and proud to be a part of what God is doing with our church in 2023 and beyond.



Frank Atkinson

Trustee, 2026
Not previously ordained at Third

My wife Diane and I have been covenant partners at Third since 2015, and have been richly blessed by the preaching, fellowship, and discipleship here. Three years ago, we moved to Sleepy Hollow from our longtime home in Hanover County, and are enjoying being part of Mooreland Parish as well as closer to church, friends, and family, including our adult sons (Robert and Paul) who live nearby. As a member of New Hanover Presbyterian Church for nearly three decades, I had the opportunity to serve and grow in a number of roles, including clerk of session, governing elder, and moderator of the administration and finance division. Having had a season of respite from church governance, I am grateful for the chance to serve the Third Church community as Trustee during an especially promising and challenging time. Although I work daily as a lawyer and government affairs consultant, my other habits are generally good. So I look forward to serving in whatever ways will be most helpful to the other Trustees and the Third family overall.



Scott Frayser

Trustee, 2026
Serving in a new office

I was born and raised in Richmond. In fact, my first home as a little child, was directly across the street from Third's Forest campus. I was raised at All Saints Episcopal Church, but when my wife Kyle and I started seeking a church home for our new family, we found Third and have been members for over 25 years. I spent much of my work life as a partner in a merger and acquisitions investment banking firm and still work in the same industry. My entire life journey, since becoming a born-again believer in my mid-thirties to now, has involved learning, fellowship and serving at Third. What a gift that has been. I began serving as an "offering counter" and then as the Treasurer for about eight years. This was a great experience as I reported financial matters to the Elders on Session and the Trustees at each of their meetings. Eventually, I became an Elder on Session and served on the Personnel and Youth Committees. I started playing an instrument (bass) late in life, about seven years ago, specifically to play with the worship team. I have been doing so and loving being a part of worship since. In the past, I attended many Trustee meetings as Treasurer, but now look forward to getting back to real work as a Trustee.



Betsy McCray

Trustee, 2026
Serving in a new office

My husband and I have been members of Third for 30 years and we are blessed to have raised our two sons within this church family. I have previously served as a Deacon. I currently participate on the Worship Team and, behind the scenes, on the Liturgical Arts Committee. My husband and I are also active in our Grove Parish. My background is in the visual arts and I enjoy the challenge of resourceful creative problem solving: from painting and landscaping to creating interior spaces. I have assisted with the transition to Regency Square and look forward to working with the Trustees in this space and back at Forest Avenue.

All covenant partners are invited to review the bios of our nominees and be prepared to vote for the incoming class of officers at our

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 12

(following the 11:00 a.m. service).

They will then begin their roles in January 2024.