

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW 2022 OFFICERS

GOVERNING ELDERS



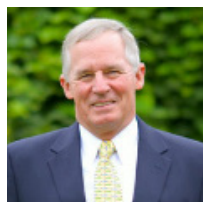
PARISH ELDERS



DEACONS



TRUSTEES



OFFICER NOMINATION PROCESS

Beginning in January 2021, 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 Shepherding 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 2021 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.

2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We dismiss with thanks:

Parker Hale, *elder*
Ward Marsteller, *elder*
Chad White, *deacon*
Mary Damon
Bill Edwards
Leslie Lanphear
Dana Moore

2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Parker Hale, *elder*
Beth Sprinkle, *elder*
Patrice Foster, *deacon*
Bill Edwards
Tracie Meadows
Dana Moore
Emilie Phillips

GOVERNING ELDERS

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GOVERNING ELDERS serve for a short term (three years) in overseeing and leading the direction of the church. Acting in unity together they are called "**the Session**," trusting 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.



LAUREN LUCK

*Being ordained to new office
Class of 2024*

My husband, Robert, and I moved to Richmond in 2009 and joined Third Church in 2011. We came to the city knowing almost no one and have found the church to be a place of belonging and stability as we raise our three boys (Robert, Joshua and Samuel). Individually, I have been a member of the women's ministry team and led a group of young women through their high school years as a part of student ministry. Our family has become deeply involved in parish ministry, hosting and leading a group in our home in the Northside. We most enjoy opening up our home as an extension of the church to welcome new people into Third's community. Our family spends as much time as we can enjoying the outdoors; at soccer games, UVA sporting events, hiking the James River trails or walking the dogs through Bellevue in search of coffee and neighbors to talk to.



ROB COX

Class of 2024

I have been attending Third since 1980. My wife and I joined in 1989. I have been a deacon, an elder, taught middle school and adult Sunday School, served as director of the pictorial directory, and volunteered in many capacities. I raised my entire family at Third. My wife Kathie and I recently served as co-leaders of the Renew Capital Campaign. We have four children and one grandchild. Our fourth daughter is our high school Junior, Anari Williams, and she is active at Third with the youth. Kathie and I now serve as Parish Elders in the Grove Parish Area. My profession is a dentist, and I have volunteered for thirty years at free dental clinics around RVA: the last 25 at CrossOver Ministry. I have been in a small group with 5 other men for over 30 years, currently serve on the board at Needle's Eye Ministry and love mentoring.



BETH SPRINKLE

Class of 2024

My husband Mark and I have been attending Third Church for 15 years with our sons, Callaway (24), McKinley (21) and Calder (18). I love encouraging and teaching the 5th and 6th graders on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays nights and caring for Third parishioners in the City South Parish Area. I've been a part of developing our Parish Life ministry since its inception in 2015 and have served as a Parish Group Leader and as a Parish Elder since 2016 and a PGL coach in 2021. I have had the privilege of teaching for Third's Women's Summer Study and leading a women's small group these past couple of summers. I am excited to continue to invite people into deeper relationship with God and with one another and to pray with them for the transforming of our hearts, minds, and bodies both within our Third community and in our neighborhoods and city.

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PARISH ELDERS focus on nurturing the faith and life of the congregation in their Parish area, helping new Covenant Partners get involved in using their gifts and walking alongside Parish members as they navigate faith and growth issues.



ELLEN DUERKSEN

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

I was blessed to grow up in a strong Christian home where the Word of God was taught and modeled for me from childhood. Although I've only been a Covenant Partner at Third since early 2018, I've served in other congregations through the years as an Elder; leading Missions Committees; co-teaching a young adults' class; leading a women's ministry/Bible Study; teaching 5th grade Sunday School; and helping with nursery. Hospitality is near and dear to my heart. Through the years, I've been privileged to visit 50+ countries around the world and lived in Mexico for almost 7 years. At Third I've served as a Parish Group Leader; greeting people as they arrive to worship; table leader at the women's Bible study; assisting with events; and as a mentor for Jobs for Life. As I get older, the primacy of prayer over just "doing" is more and more real to me. In early 2019 my beloved husband of 34 years died unexpectedly. I retired from our executive recruiting business later that year. God blessed us with two adult children, Alek and Erika.



ROMAN DUSIL

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

Originally from Germany, my wife Katie and I relocated to Richmond in the summer of 2014 after having served overseas in East Asia for the 6 years prior. We joined Third in 2015 being especially drawn to the church's strong history and continuous commitment to missions. I have cherished our Three Chopt parish group experience, breaking bread and sharing faith and life with our extended parish family. I especially loved seeing our two girls flourish in the loving family environment. To me it was a wonderful reminder of our church life overseas and a powerful witness of God's heart for his church. A trained carpenter by trade, I enjoy creating with my hands as well as experiencing different cultures through travel and cuisine.



KATIE DUSIL

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

I am originally from Richmond but moved overseas to work with missions for a number of years. After marrying my husband we moved back to the area in 2014 and become covenant partners at Third in 2015. We have two girls, Aila (8) and Tessa (5). I work as a nurse at VCU in the Pediatrics department and enjoy gardening, exploring/traveling and eating new foods. I have enjoyed getting involved in the Missions program at Third, helping with the children's ministry and participating in the Three Chopt Parish. I am honored and humbled to have been asked to serve in the role of Parish Elder for the upcoming term and look forward to what God will do.



CRAIG HEAH

*Being ordained to new office
Class of 2024*

My wife Heather and I have been attending Third since 2015 and were married here in 2017. We are overjoyed to have just welcomed our first child, Baby Girl Meyers, earlier this year. Starting a family with such an amazing church family that has given us support and much wisdom has been incredible. Since joining, we became members of the Newcomer's Team where we've enjoyed getting to meet and welcome people into the Third family. I also serve as a volunteer with the high school students and have previously served as a deacon. It's been a blessing to be involved in the Grove Parish since the beginning, and I'm looking forward to learning new ways to love and serve our neighbors in the coming years.



CARRIE HENAGHAN

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

I started attending Third Church as a regular visitor when our two children were young teenagers and the small church I was attending didn't have youth group. Slowly, I joined and connected to our Third Church family. Ushering is a great way to do that! Kelly and Matt are in their 30's now, both married, and my husband Ron and I make due with a big orange cat at home. Community Bible Study has been a big and important part of my life for many years, and I have loved serving in leadership and seeing how the Holy Spirit can open God's word to transform and save lives (including my own). I feel humbled and excited to serve as a shepherding elder, and look forward to praying for and loving the people in the Chesterfield parish.



KIM GORDON

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

Thanks to a strong family heritage, I have been a Christian since early childhood. I grew up in Towson, MD then fell in love with Richmond while attending U of R. I met husband Randy through InterVarsity (at UVA) and we have been married for 38 years. I work part time as a physical therapist and enjoy a glass fusing hobby in my downtime. We have 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren presently in Charlotte, Davidson NC and Austin TX. We've lived in Roanoke, Baltimore, Colorado, Atlanta but call Richmond home for 22 years. We live in beautiful Hanover County and have been members of Third for about 5 years.



RANDEE MASSEY

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

I am Durinda Mechelle Bennett Massey (Randee Massey). My husband, two daughters and I came to Third approximately 22 years ago. Our two daughters are married with two children each, both attending Presbyterian Churches, City Church here in Richmond and the other in Davidson, NC. Both our daughters have a daughter and a son each, two granddaughters and two grandsons. These four are the joy of aging up! I've attended weekly Tuesday Bible Studies throughout my time at Third, and developed strong, supportive and challenging relationships through our Biblical studies and prayer partnering. I've helped with VBS at Eternity Church, tutored at Church Hill Academy, and mentored/tutored a family from the Christian Arabic Church for more than 10 years. My womens' Needle's Eye small group has met weekly for the last 20+ years. I enjoy the parish community of Northwest Parish and am honored and humbled to serve as a Parish Elder.



WILLIAM MUANGALA

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

My family and I have been attending Third Church since 2017, and we became covenant partners in 2020. I served as a volunteer back in Congo DRC, on church's construction budget and in youth ministry. Here in the U.S I volunteer as Congolese Community organizer. This Call to be the River West Parish Elder is a great privilege and honor to our family. This call is bigger than myself to say the least, I will depend on God's grace to guide me and equip me on how to do his work.



BARBARA WIBBERLY

Class of 2024

My husband Jerry and I joined Third in 2016 when we moved to Richmond to live with our son, Leo. We had served 35 years with the OMF in Thailand. At Third we've both been serving since 2017 with the Missions Team. Our parish group, which we helped lead for a few years, helped us get acquainted with many Third Church folks in our area. I've seen how important contact and community are and how strategic the parishes are. Now I'm in my third year as a parish elder and believe the Lord would have me do another term.



BETSY POLLARD

Class of 2022

Our family came to Third because of its strong biblical teaching, discipling and commitment to missions. What an amazing blessing Third Church has been to us! Speaker, Anna, Henry, and I have been loved and nurtured by Third since we joined many years ago. Through the years, I have had the privilege of serving in various ministry areas including women's ministry, Immigrant and Refugee Homework Tutoring, Jobs for Life, VBS and youth ministry. It has also been a privilege to serve as a parish elder and I am excited to extend my term another year. I look forward to living out our call together for the renewal of all things through Jesus Christ!

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 and mentoring, Jobs for Life classes, and practical assistance).



NANCY BRUCE

Class of 2022

Third had been my home church for over 40 years! I have three grown children and 8 grandchildren. I am excited to follow God's call into a leadership role in his church. I treasure the deep friendships I have made with members of Third Church. I am truly blessed. I am active in the tutoring program, Bible Study, Parish Group, and hospitality. I enjoy working with children, bridge, and reading. I live at Westham Green.



TAM BISHOP

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

My husband Brad and I began attending Third in 2015 and became Covenant Partners in March of 2016. Shortly after that, we decided to move to Church Hill where we enjoyed attending a Beta group. This was an awesome experience. I enjoyed serving in Jobs for Life for one semester. I think I learned as much as the students. I have 3 grown children and 6 grandkids. They bring such joy and laughter to my life. I look forward to being more involved in God's work at Third through serving as a deacon.



CHRISTINE DARBY

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

I began attending Third Church ten years ago and I became a Covenant Partner in 2012. My husband Rick and I continue to be blessed and challenged as we grow in this community of believers. I have previously taught Sunday school as well as Vacation Bible School and I have also served as a tutor on Wednesday evenings. Our church family is especially dear to us as our children and grandchildren live in other states. Caring for others brings me great joy. I am humbled and honored to be entrusted to serve as a deacon in the Grove Parish.



DENISE ELLEN

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

My husband Greg and I have three daughters, Emily, Lydia, and Avery. We have been members of Third since 2002, and we are so grateful to have been a part of this community and to have grown in our faith in the larger family of Third. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to serve in various ways, including as a youth group leader, a tutor in the Immigrant & Refugee tutoring program, a teacher for VBS, and a leader in the Women’s Ministry. I am looking forward to serving as a deacon and reconnecting with our church family after this pandemic season.



JENNY HARPER

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

After moving from Atlanta in 2013, my husband Billy and I started attending Third Church in 2015 and joined in 2016. Billy serves as an usher on the welcome team, and our two girls Reagan (9) and Mason (7) have also been active in church life. I’ve enjoyed singing in the church choir and teaching Sunday School (3rd and now 4th grade). I teach upper school biology and environmental science at St. Catherine’s School. This is my first time serving as deacon, and I’m excited to get to know those in the River West Parrish more closely through this role.



SARAH HALE

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

Parker and I have been attending Third since 2005 with our sons, Alec and Oliver. I’ve filled a number of volunteer positions, including serving on the nominating committee. My biggest joy was the eleven years we spent helping to teach the middle school boys’ Sunday school. We have had a tremendous time at Third over the years with our small group of five families that formed around our tribe of 11 boys. We are members of the City South Parish and enjoy having Parker’s father, Bob, living with our family. Outside of church, I have just “retired” from leading Moms in Prayer for St. Catherine’s and St. Christopher’s for 16 years. I am still on the leadership team for the Saints’ Bible Study which serves both schools. Professionally, I am the Executive Director of Urban Hope, a faith-based affordable housing non-profit, which is well-supported by Third. For that, we and the City are deeply grateful.



ZACH JAMES

Class of 2024

Married to my wonderful wife, Ginger, for 37+ years, we’ve raised 2 children/adults (Landon & Brogan) as members of Third since 1990. Ginger and I have been a part of the Third community in varying capacities through the years from teaching Kindergarten Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Jobs for Life, Christmas pageants, and serving as Deacons, etc. I’ve also served as Deacon Chair, member of the chancel choir, and as a “Dancing Dad” and Board Member for “That Dance Thing” Christian ballroom dancing “cotillion”. We were introduced to Third by Bruce and Janet Kay, and we knew we were home after experiencing the Bible-based teaching and pastoral care of Dr. Bill Long. Today, our family is enjoying the fellowship of the Chesterfield Parish.



GRETCHEN MALIK

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

I grew up at Third and joined the church as a teenager. My husband Shaun, my children Ben (6) and Lucy (4), and I have been attending Third since 2016. I enjoy volunteering in the Children’s ministry and as a Parish group leader. I look forward to serving Three Chopt parish and Third church as a whole.



CONNIE ROSENBERGER

Class of 2024

When my husband Buck (George) and I retired in 2014, we moved back to Richmond after 40 years in southern New Jersey and joined Third in 2015. This will be my second term serving as a deacon here at Third. I have been a regular volunteer in our immigrant tutoring program, including online during Covid! Before the pandemic, I served in the nursery as a monthly volunteer. As a deacon, I regularly served on the welcome teams and usher teams, and currently sing in the choir. Our older daughter Camp lives here in Richmond with her husband and two daughters. Our younger daughter Tess lives in San Diego with her husband and two little boys. We’ve been making about four trips a year to SD, including the Covid year! And, we enjoy spending as much time as we can get with our granddaughters. We especially enjoy bringing them to Sunday School when they spend Saturday nights with us. Our Sunday School program here is wonderful and fun! We have quite a group of dedicated teaching teams, for both children and adults.



NANCY PAYNE

Class of 2024

My husband Bill and I moved here in August 2016 from Moscow, Idaho, where I had served as moderator of the board of deacons of First Presbyterian Church and was trained as a Stephen Minister. We joined Third Church the month after we moved here, and I began a three-year term as deacon in 2017. I participate in a weekly women’s Bible study, and regularly attend the Good News Sunday School class. We feel blessed that God led us to purchase a home in the Valentine Hills neighborhood, where I began a coffee group that turned into a “let’s take care of each other” group. We meet for coffee each month, but also communicate our needs and concerns, mostly in the form of prayer requests. We have frequent interactions with other neighbors as they walk their dogs or their babies, and feel like we have our own little parish group here. I am delighted to be part of Third Church, whose focus is Jesus-centered, biblically based, and spirit-filled, and look forward to continuing to use my time and talent in service here.



KATHY SHORT

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

My husband David and I became Covenant partners at Third Church in September, 2019. We have two children, Taylor and Mallory, and three grandchildren. We have both enjoyed volunteering for Job’s for Life, Caritas, Greeters and being a part of the Lauderdale Parish Group. I have participated in the Women’s ministries at Third for the last five years and have been a long time Team member of the Walk to Emmaus. I have served as Core Leader and Coordinator for Community Bible Study West End Evening class for the last 12 years. I am blessed and excited to be considered to serve as a Deacon and can’t wait to see where God will use me in this service.



BOB STACK

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

My bride, Janie, and I have attended Third for many years while on our visits to Richmond to visit our daughter and family who are covenant partners. In the fall of 2018 we moved to Richmond, began regularly attending Third and, in 2019, became covenant partners. We immediately volunteered to serve as ushers and are still serving in that capacity. I have served in leadership positions in our previous churches in Virginia Beach and believe the Lord is calling me to serve here. I am excited for the opportunity to serve as a Deacon.



MATT VIA

*Not previously ordained at Third
Class of 2024*

My wife, Courtney, and I have been members of Third since the spring of 2001. We were married at Third the following year, and have been fortunate to raise our two teenage children (Peyton and Alison) while attending. It has been amazing to see how God has shaped and blessed their lives along their wonderful journey. I've worshiped, attended Sunday school classes and been involved with a small group of close friends for many years. The small group has provided me with strength, knowledge and confidence that God truly will meet you wherever you are walking, for you are never alone. My faith has sustained me throughout ups and downs in life, and my heart has been pulled to serve more. My hope is to pray, listen, share, work hard, and enjoy how God will use me as a Deacon to glorify him and strengthen our church and community.



CAROLYN STIFF

Class of 2024

I'm married to Geoffrey; have two sons, Joshua and Joel, two step-sons, Jared and Nathan; three lovely daughters-in-law; and three charming granddaughters. Due to Geof's career, we were transferred around the country for many years, ultimately coming to Richmond in 1998. I've been a member of Third Church for the past 20 years. Interests: summers in Maine, skiing, needlepoint, reading, cooking, and various volunteer roles. I am praying about how the Lord wants me to serve as a Deacon (although I suspect that hospitality will be part of where I serve); and I so look forward to forging new friendships in this role.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES are elected by congregation to help manage and care for the facility and grounds and the organizational life of the congregation. They employ wisdom to ensure that 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.



ERIN BURLEW

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

I started attending Third in the fall of 2016 just after I moved to Richmond to be closer to my family and for a new job in public accounting. I became a covenant partner in early 2017 and since then I have served as a small group leader with the youth group for the young women now in 11th grade. I'm looking forward to serving Third in a new way as a Trustee in the exciting years ahead.



BOB HORNE

Being ordained to new office Class of 2024

My wife Susan and I have been attending Third since we moved to Richmond in 2008. We joined in the fall of 2008, and we have served on the Newcomers Team immediately following joining. We are also involved in our Parish group as our schedule permits. I have served as a Deacon and been involved in a men's small group for the last five years. We have three grandchildren and are very blessed to have their families living in the Richmond area. We are also blessed to be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this year. My professional background is retired military followed by 29 years in the private sector doing business development.



AL DAVIS

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2024

Donna and I have been covenant partners at Third since 2016. We are active in our Grove Parish family. I have served in church leadership positions at two previous churches. I served on building and property management committees involving very extensive renovations at churches in Richmond and in Virginia Beach. I look forward to using my skills and prior experience with church property management and renovations as we embark on our new path forward as a congregation. In my professional life, as a licensed mechanical engineer, I have been directly involved for over 50 years with design and construction of industrial, commercial, and manufacturing facilities.



NATE STORY

Not previously ordained at Third Class of 2023

I grew up in the Hampton Roads area and moved to Richmond for work 13 years ago. I love the city and live in Westover Hills with my wife Katherine and two young daughters. I spend free time on the river fishing in the spring and exploring with my family. I am looking forward to serving with Third.

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