

2021 OFFICER NOMINEES

ELDERS



Madgeta Dungy

I would be honored to continue in service to God and my First Presbyterian Church community, by extending my term of service as an Elder. I am encouraged to do so by the affirming love of God and hunger for spiritual growth that I find among fellow members of our congregation. Most especially, this motivates and strengthens my desire to continue efforts to foster the expansion of our work in adult discipleship and spiritual formation. I see my service in this ministry as being a part of the leadership that encourages an open, welcoming, vibrant, faith community.

My own spiritual development is rooted in a family history with deep roots in the love of and service to God and a hunger for education. Thus, from my beginning, I was taught by example and practice to serve the Lord and to serve human beings by proclaiming God's love in my daily life. God has enriched my life! In gratitude and with endearing faith, over many years, my personal journey has included active involvement and leadership roles in my church, community non-profit, and philanthropic organizations.

As we members of FPC continue to grapple with living out our Christianity regarding the major societal issues of: food and housing insufficiency, care of the earth, cultural/racial disparities, social injustice, and economic disparities in Fort Collins and our society, I wish to use my skills to further those efforts. I am eager to join others in the congregation who are joyfully and faithfully worshiping God and sharing the good news of Christ with our doors wide open to Fort Collins and the world beyond.



Lynn Johnson

Lynn Johnson was born and raised in Michigan and attended college there. Upon graduation, Lynn moved to Georgia where she taught in a small rural community, received her M.Ed. as a Reading Specialist, and met her husband Merrill. She and Merrill then spent the next 34 years in Slidell, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans where they raised their 2 daughters. Lynn also worked for the public schools as a classroom teacher, a reading specialist, and a school administrator. Her last 4 years with the school system were spent as a Title I Coordinator and as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison for the district. When Merrill took a position at CSU, Lynn retired in 2016 and moved to Colorado. Since then, she has been active with the McBackPack program and with Angel House in Loveland. She also works part time for the Thompson Schools running a STEM enrichment program for elementary students. In her spare time, Lynn enjoys reading, playing the cello and working on stained glass. Lynn first became an active elder at First Presbyterian in July 2018.

**Dan Kjellman**

I grew up and spent my career in Minneapolis until Pam and I moved to Fort Collins six years ago. I spent that career in Information Technology, starting out coding and moved on to leading programs for several national companies. I finished working in state and local governments including two years at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

I grew up in a United Church of Christ where I made friends I still have. I spent years going to Methodist and Lutheran churches, mainly due to social reasons. Pam and I joined First Presbyterian two years ago. We were drawn to the musical emphasis and community outreach. I have thoroughly enjoyed singing in the choir and spent the past year on the CNC. I'm excited to be able to contribute to our church's culture and growth in any way I can!

**Mike Rudd**

My wife Kathryn and I starting attending First Pres in 1988 and joined shortly thereafter. We have two grown children, Amy and Austin, who live in the Denver area. I have served previous terms as a deacon, elder, member of the Foundation, Sunday school teacher and on search committees for both Associate Pastor and Pastor. On most Sundays, you can find me in the Sound room, running slides for both services. I'm an engineering director for Shutterfly.com here in Fort Collins, and in my spare time I coach youth soccer for Arsenal Colorado.

DEACONS

**Steve Breckenridge, Emergency Assistance**

My wife Rose and I moved to Loveland in October of 2017 to be close to our daughter Kate Smith and her family. We moved from a small farm community in Illinois where we are still actively involved in a grain farming operation. I worked for the Illinois Department of Agriculture, retiring in 2013. I have helped organize fundraisers for families with ill children and have worked as a relief manager for the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, IL.

For the past two years I have enjoyed serving as a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church working with the Emergency Assistance Fund.

Our church family has always been an important part of our lives, and I look forward to serving the community with First Presbyterian Church.

**Karen Landau, Meals**

I am continuing as another term as a deacon in the meal committee. I moved to Fort Collins in 2016 to be near my daughter's family and joined First Presbyterian Church at that time. I moved from Florida where I lived for 10 years while caring for my mother until her death.

I grew up in Cincinnati where I was raised Presbyterian. Attended Kent State University where I studied Architecture. Was an Architect for 50+ years doing work in Ohio, Pennsylvania, DC and Florida. My last project before I retired was Panama City, FL International Airport

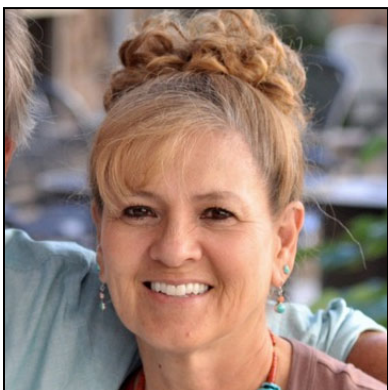
I have one daughter and two grandchildren. My hobbies are bridge, quilting and hiking. I look forward to serving another term as a deacon.



Clark Mozer, Outreach Visitation

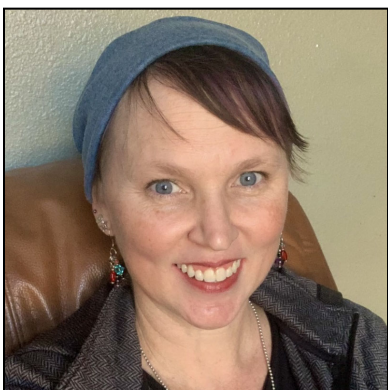
Originally from Montana, Clark and his family moved to Fort Collins in 1979 when Clark joined HP as a Mechanical Engineer. He spent the bulk of his career at HP as an engineer and manager in various roles. He left HP in 2000 and held a number of engineering management positions, ending his working career at Front Range Community College as the Chair of the Integrated Technology program in 2015. Clark and his wife have attended a few churches in Fort Collins. He served on the board of the Covenant Church, and was active in a couple of building programs. He and his wife, Lani, have attended FPC for about seven years and have been active in the choir for most of that.

Clark and his wife have three children and six grandchildren, all living in the Fort Collins area. They are in their 50th year of (mostly) wedded bliss. They enjoy cycling, traveling, and singing in the church choir and in the Larimer Chorale. Clark also enjoys cooking, reading, fly fishing, and scuba diving.



Pam Pierce, Compassion Care/Outreach Communion

I was fortunate to grow up in a Christian family in the Washington, D.C. area. I went to Indiana University in Bloomington, IN where Jim Pierce and I were married and I earned a graduate degree in math. Until our first son, Jimmy, was born, I taught undergraduate math courses at Eastern Michigan University. I then worked at home and we had our second son, Austin. When we moved to California, I continued to stay at home with the boys and volunteer in their schools. We moved to Colorado in the fall of 2000 and became members of FPC of Fort Collins. After Austin left for college, I became a certified equine massage therapist and enjoy my business with horses. Recently, I took time away from Church duties to look after our parents and help them transition to their heavenly homes. Throughout the years, I feel fortunate to have been able to serve in the church through visitation volunteering, Habitat for Humanity home builds, food boxes for Christmas and Easter, going to Mississippi for Katrina relief, serving as a deacon for two terms, helping with the shed builds for the High Park Fire victims, and serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee for the hiring of Corey Nelson.



Kim Saunders, Cards and Calls

I'm Kim Saunders, also known as Dr. Kim (physical therapist), Mom (to Chloe, age 15, and Quenton, age 13), and Mark's wife (20years and counting). I grew up in small town Illinois in a family of five with an abundance of extended family. My mom, cousins and I were always very active in the United Methodist Church. I was a competitive runner and committed student who escaped small town living thanks to athletic and academic scholarships. I moved to Fort Collins as quickly as I could (1999) after completing degrees at Southern Illinois University and Washington University in St. Louis. There is still debate between Mark and I as to who followed whom to Colorado from our small town. I found First Presbyterian Church around 2002 and have been quietly lingering ever since, finally joining as a member in 2015. You may have met me as the "VBS games girl," as your barista at Xaris Coffee Cart, or maybe even as "the tree hugging hippy" in Creation Care group. In my years with FPC I have had two babies, juggled earning a doctorate as a working mom, suffered a traumatic accident, lost two parents, and dealt with numerous medical issues. I have been supported by God's grace and FPC at every turn, and I look forward to sharing that grace and supporting this community as Cards and Calls Deacon.



Kile Snider, Meals

Kile and his wife Laura have been members of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. Kile grew up in the Disciples of Christ church in Des Moines, IA where his mother was the church organist. He was a deacon in his church in Des Moines as a teenager. Kile has sung in church his whole life and sang with the First Presbyterian Church Worship Band for many years. He now sings in the Sanctuary Choir. He has also assisted with children's programs including Sunday School in years past. Kile has volunteered for many years at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center.

Kile is an engineer specializing in water and wastewater systems and has worked in this field for 30 years. He enjoys planning outdoor adventures with his family including skiing, camping, hiking, and fishing. Kile and Laura have three children, two of whom live in Fort Collins.



Cynthia Tipton, Fellowship

I was attracted to First Presbyterian by the promise of organ music; we have stayed because of the people and preaching. I do not come from a Presbyterian home but am choosing to take this position to learn more about our new church family and process. I was a pharmacist in Indiana before we moved to Fort Collins, our new home. My husband and I have two daughters, one of whom lives in Fort Collins along with our grandson. We feel blessed every day.



Julie Willson, Deacon Equipper

I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 30 years. During that time I have served as a Stephen Minister, Deacon, Elder and as Center Leader of the Caring, Welcome and Involvement Center. I also served on the Church staff for many years as Director of Caring Ministries. I've been married to Bryan, who is the founder and Director of the CSU Powerhouse Energy Institute, for almost 40 years. We have two grown daughters, Laura who is an 8th grade science teacher in Colorado Springs and Mary, who is a journalist in Denver. I enjoy reading, gardening and making photo books. I feel that once more people have been vaccinated and things get back to some sort of normal the needs of our church family will become apparent. In addition to on-going care such as cards and calls, meals and emergency assistance, people who have been isolated for so long may be able to have visits, receive Communion in their homes and facilities, and participate in fellowship activities. The needs may be great and I am interested and willing to help in any way I can.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Deena Gregg

Fort Collins has been my home since 1984. I graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in 1988. One year later, I graduated from Hair Dynamics Education Center, and obtained a Colorado License of Cosmetology. For the next 10 years, I joined my parents in the family business of Hairworks, "Just west of Red Lobster." January of 2000 brought the blessing on my one and only child, Hannah Renae. She is now 21 and studying Business at the University of Washington. Currently, I am attending Front Range Community College, to add an Associate's Degree in Business to my resume. "Lord willing and the creek don't rise," my plan is to combine my License of Cosmetology and my Business Degree so that my Mary Kay Consulting Business will grow with a BANG!

My journey to First Presbyterian is completely by God's direction. In the fall of 2017, as I was driving down College Avenue, and passing FPC, I heard a whisper from God, "Go there." This was a powerful message, although incredibly simple. Due to personal circumstances, I had not attended church for over a year. My heart and soul were aching for a church family again and I had been begging God for direction. Following His whisper, October 1, 2017 was my first Sunday at FPC. That day I discovered the most warm and welcoming church family that I have ever experienced. It has been my pleasure to be a member since the fall of 2019. I am hopeful for what the future will bring, and how FCP will continue to be a blessing to Fort Collins.



Kathryn Rudd

I was raised in Bowling Green Ohio, as was my husband Mike. We both got our degrees at BGSU. Go Falcons! We moved to Fort Collins in the summer of 1988 and we joined FPC soon after. I received my Master's degree at CSU. GO Rams!

Mike and I have two adult children, Amy and Austin. Both live in the Denver area. Our extended family is spread across the United states, so we spend our vacations, visiting them. I work for the Poudre School district in the Audiology Department.

I have volunteered in many ways at FPC. A small group bible study participant and leader, a Sunday school teacher, a longtime VBS volunteer, an all church garage sale volunteer, a Mother/daughter banquet volunteer, a Coffee fellowship volunteer, a front office desk volunteer, director of the children's/youth handbell choir and a long standing member of the adult handbell bell choir. I would say that handbell ringing is my most loved hobby. I have previously served on CNC for 2 terms, and I look forward to participating in this committee again

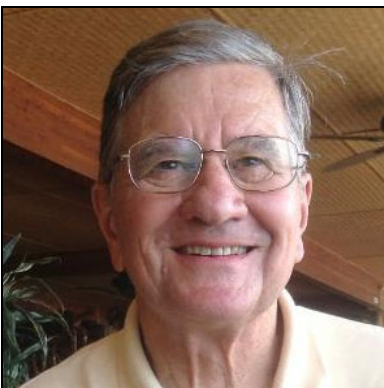


Mike Smith

I am a retired Presbyterian minister with 45 years of service. I did my undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Austin where I played varsity baseball. I attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where my primary focus was in Theology and Pastoral Counseling. I took an intern year as an Assistant Pastor in the Church of Scotland helping found a new parish in East Kilbride, near Glasgow and attended Trinity University at Glasgow University. I served as an Associate Pastor 6 years in Dallas at St. Mark Presbyterian Church. I received my Ph.D. from the University of North Texas in Denton, in Counselor Education and Clinical Supervision. My primary focus was in the clinical supervision of other therapists and play therapy with children. 1978 Nancy and I cofounded a non-profit pastoral counseling center in Dallas. We served there until 1988 when I went into private practice as a pastoral psychotherapist treating individuals, families couples and children. From 1985-1995 I served as a Parish Associate at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. I left private practice in Dallas to move to Ft. Collins in September of 2005. I worked as the Director of Clinical Supervision and Training at the Community Reach Center, the public mental health center for Thornton, Northglenn, Westminster, Commerce City and Brighton until 2013. Then I joined Nancy at the Center for Family Care in Ft. Collins. I am still practicing, though not carrying a full load at this time, and I'm still supervising the clinical work of other therapists, which is one of my favorite things to do. I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Colorado.

For fun, I read all the time, all kinds of different things. I love great music and art of all genres. I have a pilot's license, though I no longer fly. I have an Extra Class Ham radio license, but no radio equipment. I love Lionel electric trains and own a few. I still pretend I can play my Martin guitar from time- to-time. And I still have five very close friends from high school and stay in close touch with them.

Nancy and I have three children and three grandchildren. As with most of you, they are the most precious relationships in my life. This Spring I am looking forward to watching my grandson play baseball for Rocky Mountain High School.



Larry Weber

I brought my family to Fort Collins in 1973 when I accepted a position at Colorado State University. My children are now grown and living in Fort Collins and I lost my wife, Joyce, to cancer in 2012. I am now retired and have been a member at First Presbyterian for over 20 years. I am an active member of the church choir, served as an elder and a member of the Foundation Board, been in a small group, and assisted with meals on Wednesday evenings as well as volunteering for serving meals at the mission. I look forward to serving on the CNC as it will give me an opportunity to renew friendships when we meet again as a church body and meet newer members with whom I am not acquainted.