

Join us on December 12th for a congregational meeting at the close of worship in the Sanctuary to hear the report of the nominating committee and to vote for Elders.



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

Believing, Belonging, Becoming and Branching Out

Class of 2024 Elder Nominees

Syd Cuningham—Worship

My wife, Ann and I both grew up in the Winston-Salem area --- I was raised in the Episcopal church (St Timothys) and she in the Methodist church (Mt Tabor). After college and a 2 year stint with Uncle Sam in the Army we lived in Atlanta for 12+ years (E Cobb County area) I worked in transportation sales, primarily with McLean Trucking and J B Hunt Transport ---- We moved back to this area after living in CA and AZ. Ann was the assistant director of Clemmons Moravian Childcare. We've both been extremely fortunate to enjoy several years of retirement, so far.

I have played in the Clemmons Moravian Church band (trumpet) for decades and enjoy that --- we were previous members of that church, too. I'm also very involved and active volunteering at Clemmons Food Pantry. Ann loves helping the homeless and volunteering with our CPC blood drives We have two beautiful daughters, Kellie Blizzard and Kim Ridings Groce. They've blessed us with seven wonderful grandchildren ranging in ages from 10 to 23 ---- they make our life whole! We've been members here at CPC for 6-7 years and love it!

I've served on the new members, property/lawn and stewardship committees. Each week I put out and bring in the Welcome flag at Clemmons Road. Ann and I enjoy greeting and ushering, as well.



Diane Hightower—New Member and Outreach

I am a native to North Carolina, having been born and raised in Asheville. I came to Winston-Salem to attend Winston-Salem State University where I obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. In 2019 I retired from Wake Forest Health Sciences where I worked in research in the department of Public Health Sciences. While there I worked primarily on a multi-ethnic cardiovascular study (MESA), oversaw a prostate focus group, worked on two diabetes studies, as well as having been a recruiter for these and other studies. Having become a Christian at the age of nine, I have worked in various aspects of the churches I have been a member of.

I am presently divorced, having been a minister's wife for 30 years. I have one daughter, Caresse. She is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill. Following in mom's footsteps, she presently works at Wake Forest Health Sciences. She has a love for horses, and has an African Gray parrot named Pierre.

I have an interest in fitness, wellness, and prevention. I enjoy reading, traveling, and event planning. I am an outgoing, people person. I also enjoy fashion, especially shoes. I volunteer as a dinner host at the State Employee Credit Union Family House.

I joined CPC in April 2014 and became a member of the missions committee. I was Missions Moderator from 2016-2018. My Missions activities include being a member of the Good Neighbor Team (GNT), in which we assist our refugee families from Eritrea, participating in the CROP Walk, providing meals for the Community Care Center, membership on the steering committee for El Buen Pastor and most recently I participated in the Missions trip to Chiapas, Mexico in July of this year. Before COVID-19 I also sang with the Son Risers and participated in the Christmas and Easter Cantatas.



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Bridget Hollomon—Christian Education

In 2012, Bridget found Clemmons Presbyterian Church and became a member shortly after. She was in an incredibly low point of her life and was searching for a safe and loving place of worship. CPC fit the bill! She joined the choir, taught elementary Sunday School and attended Women's Bible Studies. Recently, she became a member of the Special Events, the nominating, and the interim Christian Education Committees. She also coordinates and teaches Childrens' Church.

Bridget grew up in the church. Her family rotated between an Eastern Orthodox Church & a German Protestant Church. It wasn't until a neighbor brought her to a youth program at First Presbyterian Church in Mansfield, Ohio that she fell in love with Presbyterianism. She continued learning about the faith and eventually joined the church. This is where she married, baptized her children, completed Stephen's Ministry, sang in the choir, played bells, danced liturgically, & led womens' retreats among countless other studies and events. One of her favorite memories at First Pres was the Christmas Madrigal Feast, which included costumes, a boar's head, and Wassail! Life eventually brought Bridget away from Ohio (Go Bucks!), but she still yearned for the impact of her faith. This led her to join/attend Second Presbyterian in Roanoke, VA, St. Andrews Presbyterian in Irmo, SC, and Highland Presbyterian in Fayetteville, NC.

Acts of service have always been Bridget's pursuit (sometimes to a fault!). She is an educator, and throughout her years of teaching she has taught everyone from newborns through adults, including at The Ohio State University & University of South Carolina. Bridget is a proud mother of two sons. Her oldest, Wade, recently moved to New York to pursue his dreams of theater & her youngest son Zane is a junior at The University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) studying music performance. Outside of church & her family, Bridget volunteers with a refugee family of 9 from Tanzania.



Dave Markley

A lifelong Presbyterian, Dave grew up in a Presbyterian household. (he says he has been Presbyterian since minus nine months) Dave and Kathy, his wife of 46 years, moved to Clemmons in June of 2017 and started attending CPC. In September they transferred their memberships to CPC.

Dave was elected and ordained as an Elder at Greenbrier Presbyterian Church in Chesapeake, VA. He chaired the Worship Committee. After a tour in Spain, the Markley's joined the First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (FUPCDC). Dave was elected twice to Session leading the Worship Committee and then Adult Christian Education Committee. He also sang in the Chancel Choir, taught Adult Sunday School, and was a member of the Property and Grounds Committee. At CPC, he sings in the Son Risers and cantata choirs, leads the "Seeds of Faith" Adult Sunday School class and is an active member of the Mission Committee.

Dave is a retired US Navy officer, served 20 years as a Surface Line Officer and then as a Navy Oceanographer. After retirement from the Navy, he provided support for 23 years as a contractor to the Department of the Navy and the staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Dave and Kathy have two children; Meghan who with her husband William, live in Atlanta, GA and David Edward who lives in Denver, CO. Dave is interested in travel, museums, trains, military vehicles, and historical based war games. He is an active Interpretive Guide at the North Carolina Museum of Transportation.



Susan Preston

When we moved to Clemmons from Buffalo, NY, in 2012, my husband, Kevin, and I immediately began looking for a Presbyterian church since I have been a Presbyterian my entire life. Our search ended in the sanctuary of Clemmons Presbyterian; we had found our home. I have served as an elder in this church as well as the church I grew up in. I am presently chairing Martha Ministry and the Casserole Ministry.

Kevin and I grew up in Western New York where we raised our two sons, Nathan and Collin. There, I was a high school English teacher for 33 years, and Kevin owned a printing business. We discovered this area when our youngest attended Wake Forest; we built a home in Salem Glen and retired here in 2012. We love to cycle and put lots of miles on our bikes each year. We love to travel, and we love our Buffalo Bills! Our Westie, Finley, completes our family.

