

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHURCH OFFICERS 2023

### FOR DEACON

#### JANE GANTT

I joined First Presbyterian in 1988. I have been involved in many aspects of the church as an Elder, with our youth and with Presbyterian women. I see deacons as the arms of the body of Christ. They are actively involved in the lives of the members. I feel honored to be called to the office of deacon.



#### JEFF ROLLER

I was raised a Methodist but have been a member of First Presbyterian since 1992. Along with my wife, Lisa, we have raised 2 children at FPC. I practiced Emergency Medicine in Morganton and Lenoir for 30 years retiring in 2021. Now that I have put the nights and weekend shifts behind, I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve my Church and community.



#### JANET WILKERSON

My fellow church members have supported me since I joined this church so I feel like I need to support them in any way I possibly can. I feel the Lord led me here to do the work required and with God's help, I can.



### FOR ELDER

#### JOHN BRANSTROM

I am humbled to be asked to serve as an Elder. FPC has been very important to me since joining the church as a youth. I have served as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon, and Elder. It's a blessing to continue serving our church and our Lord.



## TERESA CAREPENTER



I am looking forward to serving as Elder and continuing to create more meaningful relationships with members of my church family. I do not take this responsibility lightly, and I am enthusiastic to be a part of the exciting things God has planned for FPC Morganton. I hope to use what I have learned through the leadership roles and volunteer opportunities of the past. My passion is working with the youth and supporting them on their faith journeys. I know I have much to learn, and with the guidance of my church family and God, I am willing.

## KEN CLOUGH

I am a retired science teacher who enjoys and appreciates the outdoors. Being a member for the past forty years, I have a deep connection with this congregation. This past year I have come to realize how important it is to have such a caring group in my life. I would appreciate serving this Church in any way possible.



## SALLY DEAUGUSTINIS



First Presbyterian Morganton has been my home church for 30 years. These are challenging times for churches as a whole. I am honored to be chosen an elder and hope I can help in any way to benefit our congregation.

## ERICH FLORES

Hi, I'm John Erich Flores, Erich to my friends. I grew up and raised my family in New York on Long Island. I retired from New York City Transit in 2019 and moved here to Morganton with my beautiful wife Wendy. We feel blessed to be here and are so thankful to be included in God's family here at FPC Morganton.



## RICHARD OWENSBY



I am grateful for what the First Presbyterian faith community has given me over the past thirty plus years. The love and support we have received has helped Shara and I raise our three children into responsible adults, develop deep friendships within the church, and challenge us to grow spiritually. I am excited about the "For Morganton" mission our church is emphasizing and the opportunity to show God's love to our community.

## FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### KEN CORN



Since joining First Presbyterian Church in 1997, it has been my privilege to serve as an Elder and a member of the Nominating Committee. Those experiences introduced me to members of this congregation whose faithfulness and commitment continue to inspire me. When asked to serve another term on the Nominating Committee, those faces immediately came to mind, encouraging me to accept this opportunity for service and spiritual growth.

### SUSAN MCCANN

I was raised in the First United Methodist Church of Wilson, NC. In 1997, my husband, Kim, our four sons, and I joined First Presbyterian Church of Morganton. During the past 23 years I've taught Sunday school to 7th/8th graders and 5th/6th graders and spent many Wednesday afternoons with elementary age children at Afterschool Bible Camp. I was elected elder in 2006 and served on the Session until 2009. First Presbyterian Church of Morganton has been such a wonderful blessing to my family and me.



### LISA ROLLER



My husband and I have been members of FPC Morganton for over 30 years. We raised our 2 children in this family of faith. I am an ordained Elder and have enjoyed serving 2 terms as an active Elder. I am looking forward to serving our congregation in a new capacity as a member of the Nominating Committee.