



Nominees to the Session & Board of Deacons

The 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee of the Towson Presbyterian Church excitedly nominates the following slate of faithful leaders to serve on our church's Session (the governing board of the church) and Board of Deacons (the member-care board of the church).

Nominees for Elder—Class of 2023

Katie McDougal



Katie joined TPC in 2012 and loves that we are a welcoming, family-friendly community committed to diversity and the environment. She currently teaches Sunday school for the 1st and 2nd-graders, enjoys TPC's Diner's Club, has previously helped in the nursery and tutored with TPC Homework Buddies.

Katie is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Biological Sciences department at Towson University where she teaches molecular biology and genetics. Katie also volunteers as an advisor for the TU chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta.

Katie is married to Viraj Mehta and they have two daughters, Daphne and Rosalie and a Siberian cat, Cece. She loves to garden and cook.

Kevin McKenna

Kevin started attending TPC in 2005, and became a member in 2007. Since then, he has served as a Deacon and on committees such as Finance, Nominating and Endowment. He has also taken on several leadership roles over the past 10 years, including Deacon Moderator, Nominating Committee Chair, and Co-Chair of the APNC that brought Joel and his family to TPC. For the past 3 years, he has served as a Session member and the chair of TPC's Property Committee.



Kevin works for the Federal Reserve as an Assistant Vice President in their retail payments division. He and his wife Cornelia were married at TPC almost 22 years ago, and they have two children. In his spare time, Kevin loves to watch, play and coach sports and is also an avid follower of the financial markets.

Chris Walbert



Chris, his wife Lauren, and their twin five-year-old daughters Adelyn and Isla have been members at TPC since 2016. In that time, they have enjoyed being involved in many of TPC's ministries, especially those for parents and families. Additionally, Chris serves as the chair of the Communications Committee.

For the past decade, Chris has worked as a partner at a local web design and development studio, Drexler. In what free time he has, Chris is an avid runner and looks forward to his next marathon—whenever that may be.

Nominees for Deacon—Class of 2023

Jennifer Bolster

Jennifer Bolster followed her middle school aged children to TPC in 2009, after John and Claire joined the TPC youth group. Impressed with the open minds and hearts of the TPC congregation, the Bolster family quickly realized that they had found their church home. A member since 2010, Jennifer has served as a deacon, Intergenerational Garden chairperson, and a study group leader. She is currently the Sunday Community Lunch chairperson and serves on the TPC Mission Outreach and Personnel Committees. Serving the church in many roles, especially the Mission Outreach initiatives, has been one of the most rewarding aspects of her 10 year membership.



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During the workweek, Jennifer stays busy as a full time physical therapist as the co-owner of Towson Physical Therapy. With her two children grown and flown, she and her husband, Mark, enjoy gardening, sailing the Chesapeake Bay, and road biking all over Maryland.

Bill Klady



Bill, a life-long Presbyterian, has been a member of TPC for over 20 years and has served as an Elder here. He has taught in several colleges, lived and worked in Boston for a decade, and worked for several governments and a Baltimore civil rights organization which he currently serves.

He has been married to Lee for 33 years and they have 2 grown children. His daughter Kara has previously served as a Deacon for TPC.

Cass Mairs



Cass has been a member of TPC for 17 years. She previously attended Catonsville Presbyterian where she served as a youth group leader. At TPC she has taught Sunday School for children in grades two, three, and four and has served as a Deacon.

Cass is married to Jim Fisher and has a 24-year-old stepdaughter, Sarah; an 18-year-old son, Max; and a 16-year-old daughter, Kate.

She has been an educator for 24 years and is currently the media specialist at Clarksville Middle School in Howard County. In her spare time, Cass likes to read, shop and travel.

Ro Nicolosi

Ro joined TPC in 2009. Her son, Gabriel (11), was baptized at TPC in 2010. Ro is an active member of an SCL team, participates in Diner's Club, has led many book clubs through ASF, volunteers at Camp Bee Tree, teaches Sunday school, and is a member of the Adult Spiritual Formation (ASF) Committee.

As a psychologist at the Johns Hopkins University Counseling Center, Ro gains deep satisfaction from helping young adults during their formative college and graduate years.

In her free time, Ro is dedicated to Gabriel's care. If time permits, the golf course calls her. In the summer, Gabriel and Ro spend as much time as possible at their beach house on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Ro is excited to serve again as Deacon to support TPC and its members and in further development of her faith.



Ann Phillips



Ann has been a member of TPC since 2005. During this time, she has been a Deacon, an active member of EarthCorps and participates in the Prayer Shawl group.

Ann has retired as Director of Volunteers and Bereavement at Sinai Hospital Hospice Program, and remains active as a Board member of the Green Burial Association of Maryland and the League of Women Voters.

Environmental advocacy, reading, knitting, duplicate bridge, and spending time with her family of husband Jack, three daughters, four grandchildren, and one great grandson are Ann's favorite activities.

Thomas Sheggrud



Thomas has been a part of the TPC family since birth and became a member with his Confirmation class in 2018. Both of his parents have been Deacons so he is following in their footsteps. At TPC, he is active in youth group and has participated in youth group trips since middle school.

Thomas is a rising Senior at Dulaney High School where he plays lacrosse. In addition to school and church, Thomas enjoys fishing and spending time outdoors.

Steven Swift

Stephen Swift is (for the most part) a life-long Presbyterian and joined TPC in 2019. He previously belonged to Ashland Presbyterian Church in Hunt Valley where he served on the Board of Deacons and Pastoral Search Committee.

A retired businessman, Steve's career included time in banking as well as the healthcare industry. Steve and his wife, Chris, live in Parkton. They have an adult daughter, Madelyn, and are eagerly anticipating the birth of their first grandchild in August.



Ellen Tully



Ellen was raised Presbyterian and grew up in the Anneslie neighborhood of Towson, so Towson Presbyterian church seemed like a natural fit when she moved back to the area several years ago. Ellen joined TPC in December 2017, serves on the Sunday Community Lunch team, Broccoli, attends Circle 13 and participates in several small groups.

Ellen is a lab manager for Johns Hopkins University in the Cancer Research Center. She is proud to be the mother of three adult children Ian, Meghan and Michael, and a tuxedo cat named Charlie. In her spare time, Ellen enjoys swimming, hiking, reading and most of all, spending time with my family.

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