



2022 Nominations for Deacon, Deaconess, and Elder

Cool Springs Campus



Pam Gilder, Deaconess
Member Since 2018

Pam lives in Franklin with her husband, Joe, and three kids. She's been a part of the Cool Springs location since their first Sunday. She is home-design-obsessed and typically has paint on her hands. She also loves hiking and the beach.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Russ Ramsey (rramsey@christpres.org)



Ivan Nekrasov, Deacon
Member Since 2019

Ivan first came to know Jesus in Israel over 30 years ago after moving to Israel from the USSR as a teenager. He has been living in the Nashville area since 2004 and has been married to his wife, Rachel, for 24 years. They have three children. Ivan works in the tech industry and is passionate about sharing the Gospel and alleviating poverty and suffering. In addition, he loves learning about other cultures and speaks five languages.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Russ Ramsey (rramsey@christpres.org)



Trevor Pavey, Elder
Member Since 2017

Trevor was born and raised in Southampton, England, and has been married to Ruth for 37 years. They have four married children and twelve grandchildren. He has an extensive background of leadership in the semiconductor industry and most recently served in a non-profit setting for Nashville's Center for Medical Interoperability. He and his wife, Ruth, have been active members of Christ Pres Cool Springs since the formation of this congregation in 2018, and they both currently lead a Connect Group in East Brentwood. Trevor serves as Senior Director of Ministry Support at Christ Presbyterian Church, overseeing Missional Living, NIFW, and Communications.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Russ Ramsey (rramsey@christpres.org)

Music Row Campus



Shawn Allen, Elder
Member Since 2013

Shawn Allen has been a deacon at the Music Row location since 2015. He lives in Charlotte Park with his wife, Mary-Margaret, who is a pathologist at St Thomas Midtown, and their children Langston (5), Andrew (2), and Samantha (3 months). In addition, he teaches US History and Senior writing at Franklin Road Academy.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Stacey Croft (scroft@christpres.org)



Brad Lawrence, Deacon
Member Since 2016

Brad Lawrence is a member of the Music Row campus and has lived in the Hillsboro West End area of Nashville since 2016 with his wife Megan and children Henry (6) and Caroline (4). He's a Kentucky native and previously lived in Nashville as an undergrad at Vanderbilt, where he was a part of Stacey's RUF community and starting his career. Megan is a professor at the Vanderbilt Owen School of Management, and their family is passionate about investing in Nashville and the diverse community around us all. For work, Brad leads a customer success team in the edtech industry at Coursera, and in his (little) free time, he loves running, reading, being outdoors, being a sad Vandy fan, and going to bed early.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Stacey Croft (scroft@christpres.org)



Barry Simmons, Elder
Member Since 2016

Barry is a documentary director who runs Stonecastle Pictures, a production company that makes short films for brands and non-profits. A native of Memphis, Barry moved to Nashville 20 years ago to work for Channel 5 as a reporter. Though he left the news business over a decade ago, he's still stuck with the reporter's hair. Barry lives in East Nashville with his wife Jayme and their two boys, Wyn and Wilder.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Stacey Croft (scroft@christpres.org)



Emily Waddell, Deaconess
Member Since 2020

Emily is a native of Mississippi who moved to Nashville, TN, with her husband, Matt, and dog, Posie, three years ago. Emily works at Vanderbilt University with first-year students and loves coffee, reading, being artsy, and hanging out with friends. Before working in higher education, Emily served in youth ministry at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN. Christ Presbyterian Music Row has been such a blessing in both Emily and Matt's lives, and she is excited to serve the church as a Deaconess in whatever capacities she is needed.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Stacey Croft (scroft@christpres.org)

Old Hickory Blvd Campus



Andrew Amonette, Elder
Member Since 2005

Andrew has been a member of Christ Presbyterian Church for 17 years seeing our church and its congregations grow and flourish. He is a Nashville native, raised on a farm in Portland, TN, and now lives here with his wife, Carolyn, and children (Isabella, Maddie, Aiden, Joseph, James, and Matthew). After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he returned home and now works as an in-house counsel for a local health care company.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Woody Camp (wcamp@oldacremcdonald.com)



George Crook, Elder
Member Since 2014

George, his wife Kristin, and three children, Anna Claire, David, and Wills have attended Christ Pres since 2013. You will find George at the 8:30 am service, Sunday School, at times Biscuits and Bibles, serving in the Student Ministry on Wednesdays, or greeting people on Sundays with the host team. He currently works with the National Office of RUF in the Advancement Department. George enjoys time with his family, watching sports, fishing, attending automobile-related events, and boating. He also enjoys getting together with church members over coffee or a meal.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Hal Haddon (hhadden327@gmail.com)



Tim Garrett, Elder
Member Since 2019

Tim grew up in Nashville and attended Overton High School. He attended the University of the South (Sewanee), graduating with a B.A. in English Literature in 1983, and Vanderbilt School of Law, graduating with a J.D. degree in 1986. Tim currently practices law as a management-side labor and employment lawyer with Bass, Berry & Sims, where he has been practicing for over 36 years. Tim and his wife Becky (also a Nashville native and Overton High School graduate) have four adult children—Kile (married to Renny), Katie, John, and Jim (married to Lee Lee). Tim has been active at CPC on the host team, assisting with communion, and as a volunteer Student Ministry group leader. Tim also currently serves as the Board President of Lambscroft Ministries. This faith-based homeless ministry operates The Cookery Restaurant in the 12 South area and serves as a Board member and former Board chair for FCA of Middle Tennessee. Tim also serves on Nashville's CATV Special Committee and on the Planning Commission for the City of Forest Hills. Tim and Becky live in Forest Hills.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Gif Thornton (gif.thornton@arlaw.com)



Kevin Howard, Elder
Member Since 2014

Kevin Howard and his wife, Laura, have attended Christ Presbyterian Church since 2012. They have three children—McCabe (13), Cole (11), and Raleigh (8). Kevin is the General Counsel at OMNIA Partners. Prior to OMNIA Partners, Kevin worked at Community Health Systems and Bass, Berry & Sims. In his free time, Kevin likes to read, write, spend time outdoors, and ask awkward questions of his friends and family. In addition, Kevin volunteers on the board of a local youth soccer club.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Buz Graham (bgraham@christpres.org)



Brian Lindman, Elder
Member Since 2017

Brian grew up in a covenant home with a father as a pastor and doesn't recall a day when he did not believe the gospel and trust in Jesus. He is married to JennyLark and has three daughters: Manna (16), Eden (14), and Haven (12). They have been active members at CPC and involved in many of its ministries since moving back to Nashville in 2017 and deeply resonate with its mission of joining Christ in his mission of loving people, places, and things to life. The intersection of faith and work is a passion of Brian's as he seeks to apply a biblical worldview to science and medicine in his work as a cardiologist and researcher (more on that here in an NIFW interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nQCaHRJpRg>).

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Tom Price (tom@pricecpas.com)



Dean Mattoon, Deacon
Member Since 2019

Dean grew up on a dairy farm in Western New York. He is a Marine Corps veteran where he was a professional musician. Dean completed a B.S. in Education (elementary and special education) and an M.S. in reading. He taught elementary school for nearly ten years in New York and North Carolina. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, Sydney, a senior at Harpeth Hall, and Lee, a Junior at Ensworth. They enjoy playing golf as a family and have been members of Christ Presbyterian for three years.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Doug Korn (dkorn@christpres.org)



Susan McKerley, Deaconess
Member Since 1988

Susan was born in Maryville, Tennessee, and met her husband, Michael, in accounting class at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. They have been married 35 years and started attending Christ Pres before they were married. They have four grown children and two grandchildren. Susan is involved in the women's ministry, and she and Michael lead a connect group. Susan loves having people over to have tea, pray, and study God's Word.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Lee Eric Fesko (lfesko@christpres.org)



Christian Michael, Deacon
Member Since 2019

Christian is an Outreach Specialist at Mental Health Cooperative, where he assists those experiencing homelessness by obtaining housing and behavioral health services. He has a life-long passion for helping others and credits it all to Jesus. He leads the CPC City Group, Nashville Homeless Outreach, meeting those who are newly housed and providing friendship and community to help ease the transition. Christian and his wife, Cassie, have been married for almost four years and are excited to welcome their baby boy in January! They have been members of CPC for three years and have enjoyed getting involved and worshipping at the Old Hickory Blvd campus each Sunday.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Buz Graham (bgraham@christpres.org)



Debbie Pixley, Deaconess
Member Since 2019

Debbie joined Christ Pres in 2019. She worked in engineering in the automotive industry for nearly two decades before becoming a missionary to Japan with Mission to the World in 2020. She is volunteering with the Nashville Institute for Faith & Work and starting an online degree at Westminster Theological Seminary while preparing to move to Tokyo in the summer of 2023, Lord willing. Debbie grew up in southeast Michigan and was a member of Presbyterian churches in Detroit and Tokyo prior to making Nashville her home.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Lee Eric Fesko (lfesko@christpres.org)



Florence Rabon, Deaconess
Member Since 2019

Florence moved to Nashville from North Carolina, where she was born and raised. She came to faith shortly after college and has found joy serving in the church since then. She is married to Randy, and they have an adult son, an adult daughter and son-in-law, and one grandson.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Lee Eric Fesko (lfesko@christpres.org)



Clay Richards, Elder
Member Since 2014

Clay Richards and his wife, Amy, have attended Christ Presbyterian Church since 2012. They have three children—Claiborne (18), Kennedy (14), and James (12). Clay works in healthcare and was the former CEO and Founder of naviHealth. Clay also serves on the Board of the Martha O'Bryan Center and Oak Hill School. In his free time, Clay likes to play tennis, cook, and spend time outdoors.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Tom Price (tom@pricecpas.com)



Paul Spilburg, Deacon
Member Since 2016

Paul is originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and has lived in Nashville for ten years. He is married to Heather, and they are the parents of Emily; they live in Bellevue. Paul currently works as a healthcare consultant. He's a die-hard fan of baseball in general and the Cleveland Guardians specifically.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Webb Younce (websteryounce@gmail.com)



Eric Wheeler, Elder
Member Since 2015

Eric and his wife, Sarah Catherine, have been members of Christ Pres since they moved to Nashville from Chicago in 2015 with their four kids: Brooks (now 11th grade), Jack (7th gr), Lucy Kate (5th gr), and Ben (2nd gr). He came to faith through FCA in high school, served as a missionary with CRU (Campus Crusade) in East Asia and the Middle East, and has been active in non-denominational, Anglican, and PCA churches throughout his adult life. Most recently, he served as an elder at Ethos Presbyterian (PCA) while they were in Chicago. At Christ Pres, the Wheelers are active in the Kids' and Student Ministries, various Gonnect Groups, and Eric has served on the Mission Advisory Team (MAT). In addition, Eric is passionate about studying God's word, social justice, and church governance. Outside of Christ Pres, Eric works at PricewaterhouseCoopers advising clients on H.R. issues in mergers and acquisitions, and enjoys cycling and coaching youth soccer.

Elder Overseeing Candidacy:
Woody Camp (wcamp@oldacremcdonald.com)