

2023 Leadership Directory

This directory lists the Pastors, the Ruling Elders on the Session, and the Board of Deacons of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church (GPC). These spiritual leaders of GPC are elected by the congregation and ordained to serve in accordance with the PC(USA) Book of Order. The directory also specifies committee/ministry assignments and chairs. Contact information for those listed in this directory is available from the church office.

Session Priorities for 2023:

Building Use

• Congregational Connections through Spending Time Together

• Hands-On Mission

GPC Pastors ——

GPC's Pastors are ordained to the role of Teaching Elder. Presbyterians select their own pastors, with the guidance and concurrence of presbytery.



Rev. LeAnn Hodges Transitional Pastor



Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence Associate Pastor/Head of Staff

GPC has 15 ruling Elders, who discern and measure the congregation's fidelity to the Word of God, and strengthen and nurture its faith and life. As persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, with demonstrated leadership skills and a compassionate spirit, they serve to exercise government, leadership, spiritual discernment, and discipline. They have responsibilities for the life of the congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. Ruling Elders are elected to a 3-year term and are GPC members.



Buildings and GroundsDavid Allsopp, Chair



Communications
Lucille Baur, Chair*





Community Engagement
Denise Schleckser, Chair*
Donna Dannels
Annette Ward





Congregational Life
Laurie Wallace-Lanham, Chair
Joseph Tormen Nana
Tom Chen





Digital Ministry Terry Young, Chair* Emmanuel Mbaiti





Equipping DisciplesAkiko Taketani, Chair
Gayle Luckenbaugh



Finance Andy Imboden, Chair





Human Resources Lucy Nzelle, Chair* Joelle Pokam



Nominating Carol Vandrey Curtis, Chair



Stewardship and Planned Giving Patrick Keziah, Chair



Vital WorshipGrace Atanga Fuh, Chair



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Building Use Group**
Annette Ward, Chair

Ann Hayes – Stated Clerk of Session **Steven C. Ward** – Treasurer

*Not a serving elder
**Work group with direct access to the Session

GPC's Deacons coordinate the various care ministries at GPC and minister to those in the community of faith who are sick, friendless, in need, and in distress. They also lead in worship by serving communion and perform other duties as delegated and assigned by the Session. Deacons are elected to a 3-year term, are GPC members, and are under the authority of the Session.



Jeanne Chamberlain
Class of 2025



Donna Gregory Class of 2023



Bob Gunderson Class of 2024



Kate Lebold Class of 2024



Marilyn Morrison Class of 2023



Lucil Oppong Class of 2025



Debonnaire Tchouambou Class of 2025



Lisa Whitehead Class of 2024



Laura Wilson Class of 2023



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