**Nominees for the Office of Ruling Elder Class of 2026**

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**

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| A person wearing glasses  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | **Karen Bain**  Karen Bain joined Trinity in 2020 and jumped right into service to the church.  She currently serves on the Children's and Family Ministry Committee and is the Circle Leader for Circle One.  In 2022, Karen assisted with an Adult Education class related to immigration and refugees.  Outside of church, Karen is currently serving as Co-President of the Morris Brandon PTA.  An attorney, Karen has served as co-chair of the board of Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network and regularly takes pro bono cases with Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta.  She and her husband, David, have two children, Andrew (10) and Sarah (7). |
| A person in a suit smiling  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | **Jon Balch**  Jonathan (Jon) Balch has been of member of Trinity since 2003. He is passionate about youth recreation and has served on the Trinity Youth Basketball Committee for many years. Jon is also active in leadership at Buckhead Baseball, serving on the board from 2018 to 2022 and as president in 2021.  Jon is a Managing Director at Antares Capital. He and his wife, Laura, have three sons, Duskin (18), Harrison (17) and Will (14). |
|  | **Dean Cleaveland**  Dean Cleaveland has been a member of Trinity since 2016.  Dean has been actively involved in the life of the church, serving as a member of the Children and Family Ministries Committee and as a children's Sunday School teacher.  She has also served on the Trinity Presbyterian Preschool Parents' Council.  Dean is a member of the Junior League of Atlanta and is an active volunteer with Morris Brandon Elementary School, currently serving as a co-chair of the Bee Fund.  Dean is an attorney and is in-house with AXA XL.  She and her husband Phil have a daughter, Julia (7), who is active in Trinity's children's choirs and CFM activities. |
|  | **Rebekah Groover**  Rebekah Groover joined Trinity in 2008 shortly after moving to Atlanta from the Virginia mountains. Rebekah was first ordained as a Ruling Elder at Trinity as part of the Session Class of 2015, and has served as Chair of Mission Committee, Chair of Trinity Early Learning Center (TELC) Board of Directors, and most recently on the Church and Budget Workgroup. Currently, she is involved with Children and Family Ministries and teaches Sunday School. She and husband Jim first met in the Sanctuary, were married in the Chapel, and baptized their two daughters, Sarah Cate (7) and Sophia (4), at Trinity. Rebekah is an Associate Director at the fundraising consulting firm Coxe Curry & Associates. Outside Trinity, she currently volunteers as a Girl Scout Troop Leader for the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta. |
| A person smiling for the camera  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | **Jay Harris**  Jay Harris joined Trinity in 1985. He previously served on the Session in the mid-1990s. Jay has also served on the Assimilation Committee as co-chair, and co-chaired the committee that held a churchwide retreat at Montreat. He has also taught Sunday school at Trinity for both youth and adults. Jay has been a board member and Chair of Visiting Nurse/Hospice Atlanta and served as co-chair of the Atlanta Vanderbilt Club. He and his wife Bonnie have two sons, Jack and Cal, and a daughter, Keeley. They also have three grandchildren. |
| A person smiling for the camera  Description automatically generated with low confidence | **Paige Keller**  Paige Keller is a lifelong member of Trinity, having been baptized, confirmed and married at the church. Paige was a youth advisor in her 20s and has been a Sunday school teacher, VBS Leader, and member of the CFM committee. She presently serves on the Faith in Action and VBS committee, and does volunteer service with Afghan refugees, Metro Re-entry and EMI. In May, Paige will assume responsibility for Trinity’s Heritage Room. She is passionate about putting her faith in action, racial and social justice, Trinity’s history, and children and youth. Paige and her husband John have two children: Andrew (20) and Ansley (18). |
| Two people smiling  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | **Nick Leet**  Nick Leet joined Trinity in 2012.  He has served as the Trinity liaison for Habitat for Humanity, as a member of the CFM and Adult Education committees and is an active member and regular leader of Foundations.  He and his family love Messy Church and all of the great CFM and youth worship activities.  Nick is Sr. Vice President of employee health and benefits at Ironwood, a Marsh & McLennan Agency company.  He is an active volunteer and supporter of the High Museum.  He and his wife Jade have two daughters – Kenzie (7) and Gogo (5). |
| A person wearing a suit and tie  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | **Jon McRae**  Jon McRae has been a member of Trinity since 2004. He is actively involved in the life of the church and most recently served on the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee that called the Reverend Rebekah Close LeMon. Jon is an active member of the Friday morning Men’s Breakfast, the Men’s Political Forum and MIT4, one of our men-in-transition groups. He recently retired after a long career as a leader in executive search consulting. He and his firm were primarily focused on identifying and recruiting senior leaders for private colleges and universities, many church related. Jon and his wife Karen have two adult children, Mary Katherine and Jon III. |
| A person smiling for the camera  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | **Catherine Quillian (Youth)**  Catherine Quillian was baptized by Scott Black Johnson. Catherine has been actively involved in the life of the church, singing in both the children's and youth choirs and attending youth group regularly. She has also been on several youth and mission trips to places such as Montreat, Bradenton, Fla., Northern Ireland and Scotland. Catherine is a junior at the Westminster Schools, where she participates in the varsity volleyball and lacrosse programs. She is an active member of Friday Morning Fellowship at Westminster, as well as being a Civil Dialogue Fellow, and a member of the yearbook staff. She has two sisters: Elizabeth (14) and Margaret (14), and her parents are Christine and David Quillian. |
| A picture containing person, posing, underwear  Description automatically generated | **Helen Slawson (Youth)**  Helen Slawson is a lifelong member of Trinity, having been baptized at the church in 2006 and confirmed in 2020. She is active in Trinity's youth program and regularly participates in mission trips and Montreat retreats.  A rising senior at Westminster, Helen serves as a tutor at Agape Community Center and is a member of Play Unified at Westminster, a club that gives opportunities to disabled athletes. She is the daughter of Mike and Paulette Slawson. |
| A person smiling for the camera  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | **Mary Kelly Speed**  Mary Kelly Speed has been a member of Trinity since 1996. She previously served as a member of Session from 2000-2003. Mary Kelly has been actively involved in the life of Trinity, serving as the chair of the Pastors’ Aid and Communications committees, and as a member of both the Adult Education and Personnel committees. She also co-chaired the 2015 Pastor Nominating Committee and co-chaired the Annual Commitment Campaign. Mary Kelly is a member of Circle 5 and volunteers with the Trinity Christmas Market, as well as at Trinity School, The Westminster Schools, Agape Community Center, Buckhead Christian Ministry and the National Charity League. She and her husband Forrest have three children: Collins (26), who is serving in the U.S. Army; Bennett (23), who works in Charlotte; and Mary Locke (20), who is in her second year at TCU. |
| A picture containing tree, outdoor, person, plant  Description automatically generated | **Catherine Warren**  Catherine Warren is a native Atlantan. She visited Trinity from 2017-2020 and joined the church in 2020 by letter of transfer from her childhood church—Decatur Presbyterian. She currently serves on Mission Council and is active in Trinity's Young Adult Ministry. Catherine has served as a member of the day-of committee for the Rosemary Kittrell Lecture, handling live social media posts during the event. At the national level, Catherine served as a member of the Presbyterian Women Inc. Board of Directors from 2015-2018, and as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women on behalf of Presbyterian Women and the PC(USA). She also served as a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer in Lima, Peru in 2016-2017. Catherine is the Operations Manager for the Latin American Association (LAA). She began at the LAA as an AmeriCorps VISTA in their workforce development program.  She volunteers with the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Greater Atlanta Chapter as young professional co-chair. Catherine's parents, Camilla and Hugh Warren, reside in Avondale Estates, Ga. Her sister, Claire Warren, lives in Dunwoody, Ga. |