

Nominees for the Role of Teaching Elder

Class of 2027



Anne Blitch

Anne has been a member of Trinity since 1999. She previously served on the Session at Trinity from 2011 to 2014. Anne's "first chapter" in the life of the church involved teaching Sunday School, helping with various children's activities, and chairing Children and Family Ministries. In Anne's "second chapter," she has served on a 3-year nominating committee and is an active member of Faith in Action. Anne is an attorney at The Coca-Cola Company and serves on the Board of the Georgia Justice Project. She and her husband Jim have two children: Besty (24) and J.D. (22).



Scott Calhoun

Scott married his wife Gloria at Trinity in August 1987 and became a member shortly thereafter. He is a long-time member of the Chancel Choir, has played in the adult Handbell Choir, and has sung with the Madrigal Singers. Scott has previously served two full terms and two partial terms (replacing a resigned member) on Session and has chaired the Worship and Music Committee. He is a Stephen Minister and serves as one of the leaders of Trinity's Stephen Ministry program. He served on an Executive Pastor search committee and is one of the coordinators of the Friday morning Men's Breakfast meetings. Members with young children may know him as "Mr. Music" for his Sunday morning activities with the preschoolers. Scott and Gloria have one grown son, John. Scott is an attorney with the firm Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel.



Brook Heinz Chaplain

Brooke has attended Trinity since birth and became a member in 2002 through confirmation her freshman year of high school. She previously served on the Session as a youth elder from 2004-2005. Brooke has been an active member her entire life, singing in the Children's and Youth Choirs, attending Sunday school and youth group, acolyting, helping teach Sunday school, and participating in mission trips. As a young adult, Brooke was a youth advisor for several years. Brooke currently sings in the Chancel Choir, is on the Memorial Garden Committee, and assists with the acolyte program. She also participated in the Cuba Mission Trip in February 2023. Brooke is in-house counsel for Kapsch TrafficCom USA. She and her husband Drew were married at Trinity in 2020.



Libby Gray Hall (youth elder)

Libby Gray Hall is a life-long member of Trinity, having been baptized and confirmed here. She participates regularly in all youth activities, including youth group, youth choir, Montreat, and other youth trips. She serves as a volunteer with Trinity's A/V and broadcast ministries and is a member of the current Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the Associate Pastor for Family Ministries. Libby Gray is the daughter of Walter and Jill Hall. She is in the 11th grade at North Atlanta High School, where she plays varsity tennis.



Dave Higgins

Dave has been a Trinity member since 2007 and served as an elder from 2012-2015. A member of the Adult Education Committee for many years, Dave was Chair during a portion of his session tenure. A long-time usher, Dave has also chaired the Nominating Committee, co-chaired the 2023 Commitment Campaign and currently serves on the Mission Council. After a 42-year career in wealth management, Dave will retire this year from UBS Financial Services, Inc. Dave volunteers his time chairing the board of the non-profit *My Vision for Refugees*, which operates an orphanage in Guinea. Dave and Cindy have 4 grown children between them, with son Sam and daughter Emma both being Trinity members. They are also the proud grandparents of Tate and Isabelle.



Mike Hobbs

Since joining Trinity Presbyterian in 1995, Mike has been a Sunday School teacher, served on the Rosemary Kittrell Memorial Lecture Committee, chaired the boards of the Trinity Early Learning Center and Agape Youth and Family Center, and served as an elder from 2003-2006. He currently serves as a member of the Adult Education Committee. Mike is a partner in the Atlanta office of the Troutman Pepper firm where he practices intellectual property law. He is married to Ginny Hobbs, and they have three children, Evelyn (27), Ted (26) and Virginia (22), who were all confirmed at Trinity.



Reese Jackson

Reese and his wife Amanda have been Trinity members since 2021. They are active in Trinity's young adult group and all its activities. Reese also serves as member of an usher team and an advisor in Trinity's youth ministries, particularly with middle schoolers. Reese has also gotten involved with the Holy Smokers and has recently chaperoned the youth lock-in and mystery trips. Reese and Amanda have been married for seven years. Reese works as an IT Consultant for BARR Associates.



Gina Nina

Gina has been a member of Trinity since 2022. She serves on the Faith in Action Committee and volunteers regularly at service and fellowship events hosted by the church. She served on the Job Fair Committee for the Record Restriction Event last fall and is part of the Rosemary Kittrell Lectureship Committee. Gina grew up in Cameroon, West Africa and was a member of the Presbyterian Church for over 15 years. She also attended a Presbyterian boarding school for several years. Gina is an electrical engineer and enjoys mentoring young girls, especially those with interest in STEM.



Anne-Marie Spalinger

Anne-Marie has been a member of Trinity since 2001. In November 2000, she joined the choir for a fall music presentation and never left. This will be her maiden voyage as a member of Session. She sings regularly with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus/Chamber Chorus, is the founding member of Atlanta-based singing ensemble Coro Vocati and has been a vital member of the Trinity choir since 2000. She is especially interested in forming connections between church members, formerly leading the Sunday for Lunch! Group here at Trinity. She has two nephews, both of whom are stationed in Hawaii, serving in the Navy. She is the glittery great aunt of 5 and lives in Brookhaven with her kitties. Anne-Marie is employed by Northside Hospital.



Michelle Stancil

Michele has been a member of Trinity since 2013. She has served as a Sunday School and VBS teacher, on the CFM Committee and on the Fine Arts and Visual Arts Committees. Michele and her husband Elmer have two children, Maddie and Forbes, who both attend Woodward Academy. Michele is a full-time working artist with a studio in Chamblee.



Benjamin Walls

Benjamin joined Trinity in 2011, but he has been involved in the life of the church since 2008, co-chairing Trinity Serves and Young Adults. Benjamin served as a high school youth advisor with the Trinity youth. He has served for over 10 years as an usher and currently captains the second Sunday usher team. Benjamin is a commercial insurance adjuster with Sedgwick. He and his wife Emily have one son Austin (5).



Connor Willingham

Connor was baptized and confirmed at Trinity (2007 & 2021). She has been on youth mission trips, served as a preacher for Children's Sunday and learned to love music in Trinity youth and bell choirs. Connor is a junior at Decatur High School. She is an avid performer in musical theatre and sings with a rock band, The Quaranteens. She volunteers at Fernbank Natural History Museum, was a contributor on the city government's Decatur Youth Council and dances with the tap and swing companies at Decatur School of Ballet. Connor is the oldest child of Kirk and Reid Willingham and big sister to Knox.