

## MINISTRY LEADERS – CLASS OF 2020



### **Amy Bradshaw – nominated to serve on the Arts Ministry Team**

Amy is both a native Atlantan and Presbyterian. She graduated from Kennesaw State University with a major in Business Management and began her career as a Program Administrator at Crawford & Company. She met Robert, her husband of almost 28 years, during that time while attending Peachtree Presbyterian. First Presbyterian Church came within Amy's radar around 2000-01 as she began studying acting with the Alliance Theater. Later in 2007, Amy and Robert transferred their church letter to First Presbyterian, attracted by the vibrant Youth Ministry that they wanted to introduce to their two daughters, Meredith and Elise, now grown. Amy has been actively involved at First in myriad ways throughout her membership. She has cooked monthly meals for the women's shelter, taught 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school and served on the Youth Parent Council. She has coordinated weddings as part of the Wedding Guild, answered phones as a volunteer church receptionist, served as her neighborhood's Caring Parish coordinator, and acted as co-leader for the 2016 *ArtSpark* programming. She currently serves on Arts Council and sings in the choir. She is a secretary in the law firm Lawler Green Prinz.



### **Katherine Drake – nominated to serve on the Care Ministry Team**

Katherine is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian, having been baptized in the church. She grew up at the church before returning to attend as an adult following graduation from college. She has been an active member in the music ministry; she started in the children and youth choirs and now sings with the chancel choir and is a member of the Musica Sacra Guild. She is also a regular volunteer at the prayer breakfast on Sunday mornings. Katherine graduated from Birmingham Southern College in Alabama and has a master's degree from Georgia State University. She has spent most of her career in education and currently works at Georgia Tech in the mechanical engineering department. Her parents, Dave and Anne Drake, are also long-time members of First Presbyterian. Katherine has a sister and brother-in-law who live in Virginia.



### **Julie Webster – nominated to serve on the Community Ministries Team**

Julie and her husband John joined First Presbyterian in 1992 and are actively engaged in the church. She previously served on the Session as an elder and chaired the Care Ministry Council. She has participated as an elementary and middle school Sunday school teacher, member of the search committee for Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, member of the Nominating Committee, Youth Parent Advisory Committee and travelled with FPC on youth family mission trips to Honduras, as well as to Israel and Jordan. She is an active member of the Covenant Sunday school class. Julie and John have raised three children in the church: Jack (25), Luke (24) and Faye (21). Julie received her Bachelor of Nursing from Texas Christian University and Masters Degree from Emory University. She is a Nurse Practitioner and serves as the Director of Cardiovascular Services at Piedmont Hospital.



**David Dantzer – nominated to serve on the Discipleship Ministry Team**

David and his wife, Anne, have been attending First Presbyterian Church since returning to Atlanta from New York City in the summer of 2017 and became members in early 2018. David grew up in the Atlanta area and attended the University of Georgia as an undergraduate and law student. Except for five years in New York, he has practiced law in Atlanta since 1981 and is a partner in the law firm of Troutman Sanders LLP. David is a life-long Presbyterian. He has served as a Deacon, Elder and Clerk of Session in prior churches and has also led adult Sunday school classes and Bible studies. He will join the board of the Atlanta Police Foundation in 2019 and currently serves as a member of the Discipleship Council at First Pres. David and Anne live in The Brookwood and have three adult sons, James, Robert (married to Tara) and Patrick, and one grandson, Aiden, born in April 2018.



**Mike Tillman – nominated to serve on the Emerging Generations Ministry Team**

Mike is a lifelong Presbyterian, having grown up at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Mike and his wife of 25 years, Alice, joined FPC in 2002. He has served the church in various ways including as an Elder in the class of 2018, an usher, co-chair of the Nominating Committee, and member of the Discipleship Council and Forward Thinking Team. He enjoys cooking for the women in our Women's Transformation Center, has worked on Habitat Houses and has been involved with the Youth Ministry in several capacities. Mike has volunteered with Big Brother Big Sister of Atlanta for 9 years as a Big Brother to a Little Brother. He has his B.A. from Auburn University and started his career in the banking industry with 12 years as a commercial real estate lender, and for the last 22 years, has been a real estate developer for Fletcher Bright Company. He and Alice have a daughter, Lane.



**Mary Martha Myette – nominated to serve on the Global Mission Ministry Team**

Mary Martha has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church since she and her family joined in 2012. Her focus, both in and outside the church, is in the Refugee Resettlement effort. She is a member of the Global Mission Council and the Ours for Today Sunday school class. She served multiple years as coordinator of Maundy Thursday dinners, chaired God's Gift Shop, and was a member of the Haiti committee. Two years ago, she attended the youth mission trip to Pikeville, KY as a parent chaperone, and more recently served on the Global Mission search committee.

Mary Martha graduated with a BSBA from the University of Arkansas. Her professional background is in healthcare technology sales. She now contributes time to a local non-profit and is an avid volunteer in several community and school endeavors. Mary Martha and her husband Mark live in Morningside with their active 15-year-old children, Andre and Louisa.



**Mark Myette—nominated to serve on the Servant Leadership Ministry Team**

Mark has been active in the church since joining in 2012. Specifically, his service to the Church has included serving as: an Elder in the 2017 Session class, a navigator in the Church's Epiphany program, a member of the servant leadership committee, leader of career ministry, co-leader of the Ours for Today (OFT) Sunday school class, and usher. He is a member of the OFT Men's Group and men's softball team.

Mark was raised Catholic and when he lived in New York City he joined Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and became active there. He was one of the founders of a FAPC young adult group called FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians United in Service) – a group that still exists today. While still a member of FAPC, he was elected as a deacon. Today, Mark and his family - Mary Martha, Andre and Louisa - are all active in the life of the church, each contributing in their own ways.

When Mark is not at FPC, he is a leadership/talent development coach, provides pro-bono career coaching to those in transition via the Crossroads Career Ministry and volunteers at a number of non-profit organizations. Mark is originally from Boston, is the second youngest of seven siblings, and a twin. He received his BA from Boston University and MBA from Emory University.



**Ellen Adair Wyche – nominated to serve on the Social Entrepreneurship Ministry Team**

Ellen Adair was raised and nurtured in First Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, FL. She arrived at Emory in 1973 and joined FPC in 1981 as a newlywed with her husband, Henry. She helped form and lead both adult classes and children's programs as their family grew. After a 5-year stint in the Northeast, the Wyches returned to FPC with three young children in 1990. Together they Co-chaired the Annual Giving Campaign and Ellen Adair spearheaded development of Worship Education for elementary children. Through the years, she's worked on multiple youth projects, women's ministry initiatives, as an *Emmaus Class* teacher/leader and as a dramatic Bible storyteller. A public relations and marketing

professional, Ellen Adair was ordained as an Elder in 2005 and has served on the Communications, Christian Education and Worship councils. Her interests today center on helping shape and lead Epiphany, FPC's social entrepreneurship initiative, and on blending beauty, joy and memories through the Flower Ministry. Ellen Adair and Henry have two grown sons, and love to travel, hike in the woods and garden - specializing in the propagation of heirloom camellias.

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### **Denise Cables – nominated to serve on the Arts Ministry Team**

Denise, a member since the mid-90s, met her husband Paul at FPC, and they married here in 1999. They have two children: Quinton, 15, and Anna-Claire, 13. Denise works in marketing for AT&T. At FPC, she has served with the usher team, the Women's Transformation Center, the cherub choir, Vacation Bible School, teaching 7th and 8th grade Sunday School, and as an adult leader on last year's youth mission trip to Pikeville, KY. For many years Denise has played the flute with our orchestra, the St. Cecilia Consort, and one of her greatest joys is sharing the gift of music along with her musician friends during worship services in our sanctuary. She also serves on the Concerts@First Guild (formerly Musica Sacra) and can usually be spotted at the annual Christmas pageant beside Jens, where she helps keep the pageant rolling. She is active in the *Ours for Today*

Sunday school class, Circle 13, the Emerging Generations Council, and the music ministry.

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### **Mary Busko – nominated to serve on the Care Ministry Team**

Mary has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church since she and her family joined in 2006. She is currently a volunteer with The Mustard Seed and Meals on Wheels, and she recently served as an Epiphany screener. Mary is a fixture with FPC's annual Vacation Bible School, illustrating Bible stories for children. She served on the 2017 Nominating Committee, and she and her husband Eric were co-chairs of the 2014-2015 Stewardship Campaign. Mary has served on the Nursery/Preschool Committee, taught Worship Education, volunteered with the Women's Transformation Center and Childspring International. She is an active member of the PW(OC) Sunday School class and participated

in Disciple/Covenant Bible studies for 8 years. Mary graduated with a B.A. from Davidson College and an M.B.A. from UNC-Chapel Hill. Mary's professional background is in Marketing, as she worked at Coca-Cola for 11 years. She has been a fundraising chair on the Holy Innocents' Parents Association for three years and currently serves as the chair of Parent Education at HI. Mary and Eric have two girls, Mae and Harper (ages 15 and 13) who are active in Youth Ministry.

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### **Granvette Matthews - nominated to serve on the Community Ministries Team**

Granvette retired from Fulton County Superior Court after having served as an administrator in several capacities. At the time of her retirement she was the Director of the Family Division and a Deputy Superior Court Administrator. She is a graduate of Emory University School of Law, earned her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University and her undergraduate degree in Sociology from Winthrop University, where she also earned an undergraduate certificate in Social Work. After receiving her undergraduate degree, she served as a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) in Atlanta, working with children and their families. Upon graduation from Emory, she was awarded a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship and represented low income clients as a staff attorney with Georgia Legal Services.

Granvette currently serves on the Session here at First Presbyterian and she volunteers weekly in Community Ministries and at the church reception desk.

Granvette has two adult children, Matthew Willis and Kelly Willis.



**Jane Weyant – nominated to serve on the Discipleship Ministry Team**

Jane is a native of South Carolina and a lifelong Presbyterian. She joined the FPC choir in 1975 and has been active in the music ministry ever since, playing in the orchestra and handbell choir and accompanying musicals. She served on the committees that created the Lay Academy and Focus programs, and on the Arts Council, the Discipleship Council, and the Musica Sacra Guild. She traveled with FPC on the Switzerland Study Abroad trip and is currently one of the leaders of the Choir and Friends Sunday School class. Jane has two adult children, Glenn and Alice, and three grandchildren, Molly, Benjamin, and Andrew. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College with a BA in music and has a master's and doctorate in history from Georgia State University. She worked at Georgia Tech as Assistant Dean in the College of Engineering and is now retired.



**Whitney Woodward – nominated to serve on the Emerging Generations Ministry Team**

Whitney is a native Atlantan. She joined First Presbyterian Church in 1994 through the Youth program, where she was confirmed and baptized. Following graduate school and moving back to Atlanta, she has volunteered in the Nursery and taught Sunday school for several years in first and third grades. She currently serves on the Session as an Elder. Additionally, she loves being a part of PW Circle 13 and ushering. Whitney received her BA from Washington University in St. Louis and her M.Ed. from The University of Georgia. She is the Executive Director of Haygood Weekday Children's Ministries, and prior to that, worked for Atlanta Public Schools as a teacher and administrator. Whitney is married to her high school sweetheart, Ted, and they have three children: Anneke (10), Knox (7), and Wesley (5).



**Selma Ridgway – nominated to serve on the Global Mission Ministry Team**

Selma and her husband, Ray, joined First Presbyterian Church in the mid 1980s after having attended the prayer breakfast for several weeks. They immediately became involved in helping Charles Black and Mary Jo Dellinger in preparing and serving the Sunday morning breakfast. As a couple they were hosts in the Women's Transformation Center, and in recent years, Selma has served as a coordinator of the food volunteers for the WTC. Both Selma and Ray have participated in the community Sunday school class since its beginning. Selma joined the Haiti committee in 2012 and has traveled to Haiti every year since that time. She chaired the committee for two years and served on the Mission Council. She has been co-chair of the Education Committee for the LaGonave Haiti partnership for the past six years. As a life-long educator, Selma has worked as a teacher, school counselor, and director of a special program for children with learning issues. She currently works as a life coach, partnering with individuals to help them reach their goals by using their strengths and managing their non-strengths.



**Florida Ellis – nominated to serve on the Servant Leadership Ministry Team**

Florida is an Atlanta native who has been a member of FPC since 1967. She has a Certificate in Spirituality from Columbia Seminary and a Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. She is on the staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center offering spiritual direction. She was ordained as elder in 1975 and served as Clerk of Session for 7 years. She also served on the Personnel Committee for many years chairing it in 2016-17. She has taught in a variety of contexts including Sunday school, her PW circle, and the Companions in Christ course. She has completed the four-year Education for Ministry course. She has been the Moderator of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta twice and served on the Board of

Columbia Seminary. She currently serves on the Board of Focused Community Strategies. She and husband Doug have three daughters and eight grandchildren.



**Doug Orr – nominated to serve on the Social Entrepreneurship Ministry Team**

Doug and his wife Kim have been members of First Pres since 2000. He has previously served as an elder and a member of the Mission Council. He has participated as an elementary Sunday school teacher, co-chair of the Nominating Committee, and a member of the Long Range Strategic Planning Team. He's a member of the Covenant Sunday school class and participates in a long-standing church Men's group. He regularly participates in home building projects through Habitat for Humanity in Atlanta, and has participated in FPC projects in New Orleans and on First Pres family mission trips in Honduras. Doug and Kim have three children—Molly, Sam and Will—who have all been raised in the church. Doug is a graduate of

Duke University and a partner in a media consulting firm.

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### **Eddy Romero—nominated to serve on the Arts Ministry Team**

Eddy has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church since 2016. He currently sings in the Chancel Choir and is serving on the Arts Council. Eddy is on the Board of Directors for the Concierge Society of Atlanta, serving as Vice President of Operations. He researches and seeks out restaurants and attractions to hold social events for the Concierge Society Members to learn more about what Atlanta has to offer. He was one of the inaugural members who opened the original World of Coca-Cola in downtown Atlanta in 1990 and then closed that location to open the New World of Coca-Cola in 2007; he remained there for 3 years, completing 20 years with the Coca-Cola Company. In 1996, he opened Coca-Cola Olympic City, which is the current location for the Georgia Aquarium and the New World of Coca-Cola. Eddy has worked at Atlantic Station as the

Concierge Manager for the property for the past 6 years. He has performed and competed with the Barbershop Choruses, The Atlanta Vocal Project & Big Chicken Chorus for many years and is currently a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society.



### **Kelly Williams—nominated to serve on the Care Ministry Team**

Kelly and her husband David joined First Presbyterian Church in 2001 after attending church with David's parents, David and Kathy Williams. They have two daughters, Kate (15) and Emma (13), who were both baptized in the church. Kelly served on the Nursery/Preschool committee for seven years, chairing the committee in 2006 and then teaching the Stars Sunday school class. During her time as chair of the committee, Kelly organized the production of a church cookbook to raise money for the Nursery/Preschool hall. She also worked briefly for the Parents' Morning Out program. Kelly chaired VBS in 2009 and served on the Board of First Presbyterian Preschool from 2009-2011, chairing the Preschool's auction in 2010. In 2011, Kelly served on the Elementary Director Nominating Committee and then served as

Elementary Chair for two years. In 2014, Kelly began teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school, where she still teaches today. Kelly has been actively involved in Bible study since 2007, taking Disciple 1 and 2, and various other studies including Covenant and Invitation to the Old Testament. Kelly has also volunteered with the Women's Transformation Center and Community Ministries mail service. She is currently serving as an elder in the class of 2019 and sits on the Care Council. Kelly graduated from The University of Georgia with a degree in Interior Design and worked in the field of commercial design for six years before choosing to stay home with her two girls. Besides being an active mom, Kelly enjoys songwriting and playing the guitar.



### **Kristen D. Holtz – nominated to serve on the Community Ministries Team**

Kristen has been active at First Presbyterian Church since her daughters attended First Presbyterian Preschool. Volunteering at the preschool grew into regular church attendance, joining the Flower Guild, and volunteering at the prayer breakfast and community ministries. After years of active attendance and engagement, she and her family became full members of the church in 2016. She is continually energized by the reach of First Presbyterian into our community and the opportunities for involvement in the church's good work.

Kristen received her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from The George Washington University in 2000. After serving several years as the senior vice president of a public health consulting firm, Kristen moved to Atlanta in 2006 and founded KDH Research & Communication, a company that conducts rigorous research to explore complex social problems and constructs powerful programs that improve the health and well-being of youth, families, and communities. Kristen is active on several local nonprofit boards, including the Morningside Elementary School Foundation, First Presbyterian Preschool Board, and the Morningside-Ansley Friends of CHOA. Kristen and Eric Twombly, her spouse, have four awesome children—Jefferson (14), Caroline (9), Elizabeth (7), and Charlotte (7).



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**Dan West – nominated to serve on the Discipleship Ministry Team**

Dan is a retired minister and college administrator, who began his career as pastor of Smyrna Presbyterian Church (TN). He is a graduate of Austin College (TX) and Union Presbyterian Seminary (VA). He holds doctorates in theology (Vanderbilt) and education (Harvard). He worked in three Presbyterian Colleges (Austin, TX; Lyon, AR; and Carroll, WI). In the last two he was president, over a 20-year period. He was vice president for development at two other colleges: Union (NY) and Swarthmore (PA) before retiring in 2008, when he moved to Atlanta. He and his wife, Sidney, have worshiped at FPC since 2010. Their son, Andrew, has been a member here since 1993.



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**Chad McCloud – nominated to serve on the Emerging Generations Ministry Team**

Chad and his family have been active members of First Presbyterian Church since joining in 2003. Chad is serving as a Navigator in the inaugural Epiphany program this year, providing mentorship to one of the Social Entrepreneur semi-finalists. Chad has taught preschool and elementary Sunday school classes for ten years, and has been an active participant in the Agora and OC Sunday school classes as well. Chad and his band have entertained children (while embarrassing his own) during Hanging of the Greens events at First Pres. Chad graduated with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan, and an MBA in Marketing and Finance from Indiana University. Chad is an Executive Director with Jabian Consulting, a locally-based Management and Technology consulting firm, leading the firm's Customer Experience practice. He chairs the board of the Technology Association of Georgia's CX society. Chad and his wife Anne have three children who are actively involved in Youth Ministry - Eliza (9th grade), Hudson (6th grade), and Edison (6th grade).



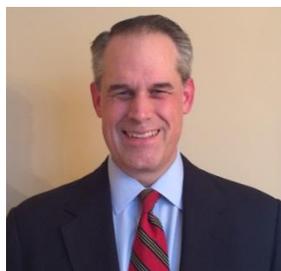
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**Bob Scarr—nominated to serve on the Global Mission Ministry Team**

Bob and his wife Mary Martha joined First Presbyterian Atlanta in 2017. He grew up in the Atlanta area and is a life-long Presbyterian, previously serving as an Elder and Deacon at Marietta First Presbyterian. After 2 trips to Haiti with First Presbyterian Global Mission teams, he is now involved in the task force for the La Gonave Partnership, working on a project to build a middle school there. He is a member of the Emmaus class and participates in a long-standing church men's group. You will often find Bob playing trombone in the brass group during worship services. Bob graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and worked in

various operational capacities for 40 years at Delta Air Lines. Now he is following his 2nd career as the Archivist for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and also handling logistics for the ASO Talent Developmental Program. Bob and Mary Martha have 2 adult children: Paul resides in Missoula, Montana and Andrew lives here in Atlanta.

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**Sumner Case – nominated to serve on the Servant Leadership Ministry Team**

Sumner has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2006, after transferring here from Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. He has been involved with the Global Mission Council and our church's efforts around refugee resettlement in coordination with our partners at Hillside Presbyterian and New American Pathways. On most Sundays you will find Sumner teaching God's word and emceeding show-and-tell with the Stars Sunday school class, along with his daughter, Sydney

(15). In 2018, Sumner completed a three-year term on the Session.

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**Peter Boorn – nominated to serve on the Social Entrepreneurship Ministry Team**

Peter joined First Presbyterian Church in 1999. He is a member of the Parents With Young Children Sunday school Class, and has been a volunteer at the Sunday Morning Prayer Breakfast and in the Woman's Transformation Center for over 20 years. He has co-chaired the Nominating Committee and the Worship Council, participated in the Epiphany Project Leadership Team, served on Session, and is currently an active member of the Community Ministries Council. Originally from Pittsburgh, Peter received his BA from Duke University and moved to Atlanta in 1996. Since that time, he has been a Managing Director with Tallmadge & Hill, an executive

search firm. He and his wife Erin are the parents of two children, Willa and Peter III.

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