

Recommendations for Church Officers

Do you know someone who is a great listener? And compassionate? And loves to pray for others? Don't miss the chance to encourage a Forestgate member with those gifts to serve our congregation through the Diaconate (deacons) or Session (elders). Please contribute to the care and oversight of our church by nominating men of godly character and grace for elder & deacon. We will accept nominations from any communing member of Forestgate.

All officer candidates should be spiritually discerning, above reproach, compassionate, emotionally and financially healthy, and open to being used by the Lord. (*See 1 Timothy 3*) Elder candidates should be servant leaders who are able to equip and care for people spiritually. Deacon candidates should have a heart for service and a practical and caring spirit.

The calling to the office of elder or deacon is both internal and external, so it is OK for men to nominate themselves. The Session will provide encouragement, training and examinations prior to recommendations for congregational election. Our church flourishes with robust leadership.

The Session is accepting your recommendations through December 17.

If you'd like to know more before recommending someone (or yourself), ask an elder or deacon.

Elders:

Rev. Matt Giesman, Rev. Stephen Baran, Rev. Josh Harstine, Bartel de Leeuw, Josh Drake, Dan Klute, Chris Odell, Craig Odell, Dale Oderman, and Chuck Young

Deacons:

Peter Chon, Bill Denham, Kelly Jones, Mike Patterson, Harry Seidel, Derek Smith, David Ulsh and Bob Welch