

**Please state why you are nominating this member:**

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Who may nominate members for the role of elder or deacon?** Any member of Arch Street Presbyterian Church may nominate any other member. Members also are welcome to nominate themselves.

**Who may be nominated to be an elder and/or deacon?** Anyone, male or female, who has been a member of Arch Street Presbyterian Church for at least one year may be nominated.

**How many elders and deacons will be elected?** The elected Nominating Committee will determine the number of elders and deacons to be nominated according to their discernment of God's calling.

**How long will a deacon serve?** We ask for the commitment of one year. Each year the Deacon Ministry will be reassessed. Deacons are eligible to be re-elected (not to exceed six consecutive years). Other members also may be nominated.

**How long will an elder serve?** The typical term of an elder is three years. They may serve up to six consecutive years.

**When and where can nominations be turned in?**

Using this form, nominations can be submitted online, emailed or mailed to the church. [Click here to submit this form online.](#) You can also email Deacon Daria DiCicco, [daria.dicicco@icloud.com](mailto:daria.dicicco@icloud.com). **Nominations are due by Sunday, August 7th.**

**What is the process after the congregation submits recommendations?** The Nominating Committee will prayerfully discern and bring the nominees to be elected at a Congregational Meeting on a Sunday in September. Members can nominate other members the day of the congregational meeting with the nominee's permission.

**Who should I contact with a question?**

**Your elected 2022 Nominating Committee:**

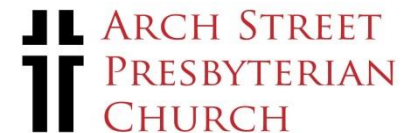
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# NOMINATING ELDERS & DEACONS

**for Arch Street  
Presbyterian  
Church**



*"Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven people of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word."*

—Acts 6:3-4

## WHO ARE ELDERS?

### The attributes of an elder:

- Technically called “ruling elder” in the PC(USA) with pastors called “teaching elders,” elders demonstrate particular gifts to share in discernment of God’s Spirit and governance of God’s people.
- Ruling elders should be persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership, generosity, and compassion.

### The responsibility of an elder:

- Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.
- When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session and support the committee structure of the church.  
(PCUSA Book of Order G-2.03)

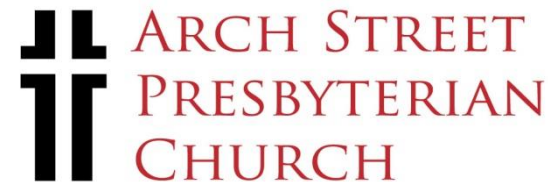
## WHO ARE DEACONS?

### The attributes of a deacon:

- Deacons should demonstrate compassion, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ.
- Deacons should be persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment.  
(PCUSA Book of Order G-6.0400)

### The responsibility of a deacon is to:

- Help create a church where people get to know one another and walk through life’s joys and challenges together.
- As far as it is possible, foster a loving community where congregants feel attended to and cared for.
- In concert with the pastoral staff, minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.
- Pray for the church and her individual members and leaders, both supporting and challenging individuals and the community to follow after Jesus Christ.



## 2022 OFFICER NOMINATING FORM

The election of church officers is at the heart of what it means to be Presbyterian. Please prayerfully consider individuals that demonstrate gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation.

I wish to nominate the following person(s) for serving as an officer of Arch Street Presbyterian Church. Self-nominations are welcome.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

On the reverse side, please state why you are nominating the person(s) above and what gifts you believe they bring to the role of elder or deacon.