

2024 Nominating Committee



Marguerite Walker – Chair

Marguerite was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and baptized in the Presbyterian Church. However, she grew up in the Lutheran Church, was confirmed there, and, as a teenager, committed her life to Christ. She and her husband, Keith, married after college and have two married sons and three grandchildren. While at Carmichael Presbyterian in northern California, she became an ordained Elder. After moving to San Diego in 1993, the family joined SBPC. She is a long-time member of the Chancel Choir, a member of a Small Group, a Community Serve Day site leader, and a CBS core leader substitute. She served as Moderator of the Board of Deacons and was on the Nominating Committee for the last two years, serving as the Chair in 2023. Marguerite considers it a privilege to serve on the Nominating Committee and hopes to help discern God's will in calling new leadership for SBPC.



Kellie Church – Vice Chair

Kellie and her husband, Jeremy, met in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They have been blessed to be part of SBPC since they moved to California in 2007. They have two daughters, Fiona (18) and Hailey (15). Together, they enjoy outdoor activities, eating vegan grub, and listening to music. During the week, Kellie leads an academic research group at UC San Diego investigating neural circuits controlling hormones and behavior. Kellie has grown in her faith through many SBPC ministries, including small groups, Come Build Hope, Community Serve Day, Children's Ministries, and KidsGames. Looking back over her childhood and young adult years before committing her life to Christ, she can see the Lord's faithful and protective hand over her life. Kellie is grateful to the SBPC community for the opportunity to grow deeper into our calling to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and looks forward to serving as part of the 2024 Nominating Committee.



Heather Creighton – Session Representative

Heather and her husband, Jeff, have been members of SBPC for 25 years. They value the SBPC community and feel blessed to have raised their three kids in this church. Heather continues to enjoy serving and supporting the ministries here. She is currently singing in the choir and has served in a few meaningful ministries: Come Build Hope, founding co-chair of MOPS and later a MOPS Mentor, and participating in Community Serve Day each year. Heather is excited to serve another year as the Session representative on the 2024 Nominating Committee. She hopes to discern and affirm the direction of Christ's leading for this church and looks forward to seeing who God is next preparing to serve in a leadership role.



Sue Baker

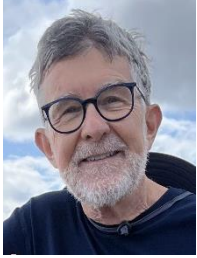
Sue is a long-time member of our church. Raised in Napa, she grew up in the church and decided to follow Christ in high school through involvement in Young Life. After college, Sue moved to San Diego and joined SBPC, where she met her late husband. In addition to her work as a software executive, Sue helps run a local weekly food charity through 92130Cares. During her time at SBPC, she has served as a Stephen's Minister, a Deacon, and on a previous Nominating Committee. She and her kids, Daniel and Becca, have participated annually in Come Build Hope since 2013. Sue is excited to be serving on the 2024 Nominating Committee.



Dawne Dickinson

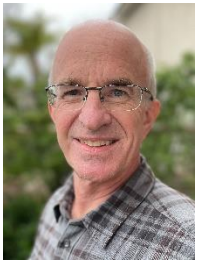
Dawne is a retired La Costa homeowner with a large garden of fruit trees, vines, flowers, veggies, and herbs. She has been a member of SBPC for over 20 years, was immediately interested and impressed by the church's involvement in the world, and joined the Creation Care Team and Missions Committee soon after. Dawne's passion is God's Creation, and she served a term as chair of the Creation Care Team. She joined the Afar Team and braved a mission trip in 2000, has been on trips to Oaxaca, Mexico, has led and participated on several Community Serve Day teams, was part of the leadership of the Singles Ministry for a few years, and was elected as the Elder of Evangelism, which turned into Missions and Evangelism. Dawne looks forward to getting to know the other members of the Nominating Committee and prayerfully selecting the right people for their positions.

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Steve Goe

Steve has been a member of SBPC for 36 years. He is a retired hospital administrator who lives in Lake San Marcos and has two sons and two grandchildren. He enjoys traveling, hiking, gardening, reading, and babysitting his grandson. Steve was recently chairman of the Kingdom Builder Foundation Board of Directors and is currently a member of the Pathways to Citizenship board. He also tutors citizenship students at the Pathways San Marcos location. An elder, Steve has experience with SBPC outreach ministries, including six years leading mission groups to Oaxaca, Afar leadership, and the Outreach Strategy Team. A trained Stephen Minister and Grief Group co-leader, he has also volunteered in MOPS, Casa de Amistad, and Sunday Children's Ministry. Steve looks forward to serving our church community in discerning future leaders.



Joe Kellogg

Joe grew up in Minnesota and moved to San Diego after graduate school, where he worked with Hewlett Packard in finance for 31 years. Joe and his wife, Joanne, have attended SBPC for about 30 years and raised their two children, Sarah and Ian, at SBPC. They have been in the same small group for over ten years, where they have made wonderful friends and experienced a depth of learning and growth in faith, which comes from close friendship and authentic discussion. Joe has been active in Come Build Hope since its inception, has participated in Community Serve Day for years, and has been a member of the Stewardship Committee for two years. He lives in Encinitas and enjoys hiking, backpacking, skiing, and photography. He looks forward to his second year on the Nominating Committee and considers it a privilege to serve SBPC.



Valery Melkonian

Valery was raised in a Christian family and attended a small Presbyterian church in San Jose, CA. She came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior at a young age. From teaching VBS and serving the elderly, God planted a desire in her to serve others. While attending Westmont College, she completed a Leadership Development Program and did student mission work in Ensenada while earning her BS in Chemistry. An engineering job at HP drew her to the area in 1989, and she joined SBPC shortly after. Valery was a part of the leadership team for the Young Adults group before marrying her husband, Mark, in 1992 and serving overseas in Christian ministry and leadership for many years. For the last ten years, while based in North County, Valery has served SBPC through CSD, OLT, KidsGames, Foster Youth Ministry, Small Groups, Afghan refugee relief, and Ginny's Sewing Fellowship. She and Mark have three grown children who also participated in many activities at SBPC. Passionate about Biblical discipleship and passing on our faith to the next generation, Valery hopes to serve the Lord and the future of SPBC by prayerfully serving on the 2024 Nominating Committee.



Carl Ogden

Carl has been attending Solana Beach Presbyterian since 2005. He is the husband of Christy, Finance Manager at SBPC. They have two adult sons. His career is in electrical engineering in the semiconductor industry. In May, he will complete a Master's degree from Wheaton College in Ministry Leadership. After that, he plans to work bi-vocationally, adding a part-time job in some form of ministry. At SBPC, Carl is involved in many areas at SBPC: teaching preteens on Sunday mornings, participating on the Outreach Leadership Team (OLT), serving on Community Serve Day, participating in a Sermon-based Small Group, and helping with the young adult small group. He is looking forward to serving on the 2024 Nominating Committee and helping people develop deeper connections at church.