

Deacon Expectations

After prayerful discernment members of the Nominating Committee have discerned that God is calling you to serve as a deacon at Fairmount Presbyterian Church. You have exhibited a strong faith, a dedication to discipleship, an ability to connect with others, and a passion for sharing the love of Jesus Christ to all people.

The office of deacon as set forth in scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. During their two-year terms, deacons, through their work on the Care Council, coordinate the important caring ministries of the church. They also pray for those in need, contribute financially to the church, and regularly attend worship. Through prayer, study, and discussion, deacons seek the guidance of the Spirit, as they work with the three elders on the Care Council to ensure that everyone connected to our congregation is experiencing the love and grace of God.

Officer Training: As part of your call to serve, you will be required to attend three training sessions to be scheduled between late October and early December. Meals will be included. During these sessions you will get to know the leaders with whom you will serve, learn the nuts and bolts of leadership, and create a statement of faith that you will present to the Session prior to your installation and ordination.

Practical Requirements:

- Pray weekly for the congregation through the Prayer Team ministry.
- Attend the regular meeting of the Care Council on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Childcare provided if needed. Dinner served from 6:00-6:30* (Take note- at this time all meetings are Zoom meeting, so at this time there is no dinner nor Childcare provided.)
- Take responsibility for coordinating the following ministries:
 - Visitation
 - Congregational Care
 - Fellowship – including greeting
 - Preparing and serving Communion
 - Flower Delivery
 - Meal Delivery
- As part of their work on the Care Council, deacons will supervise all Ministry Teams that are focused on congregational care.
- Make an annual pledge in support of the mission and ministry of the church.

Deacons serve a two-year term, with the option to serve up to three consecutive terms.

Thank you for considering serving God and others through this important ministry.