

The Pastor Nominating Committee

First Presbyterian Church
Mesa, AZ 85201

November 15, 2023

Dear Congregation,

It is with great rejoicing and deep gratitude to God that we send this update to you. After many months of work and evaluating many possible candidates, we have felt the Holy Spirit's direction. We are delighted to share with you that we enthusiastically and unanimously recommend a candidate to be the next pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mesa.

We have asked the Session to call a congregational meeting following worship on December 3rd. That Sunday, you will learn more about this candidate and be able to greet him. He will preach during worship, and at the meeting following we will ask you to vote to approve our recommendation. There will also be a Meet & Greet on Saturday, December 2nd in Fellowship Hall from 2:00-3:30 PM. Please come if you are able!

Though we cannot give personal details about the candidate at this time, we can tell you a few things. This person has an abundance of experience, skills, education, and strong faith that we feel FPC needs at this very important time in our journey as a church. He is also very approachable, will appeal to all ages, is a good communicator, good preacher, and is as excited about mission and reaching out into our community as we are. We feel confident that you will come to love this pastor and his spouse in the days ahead.

Bringing a new pastor to FPC will also bring a challenge to everyone. We will need to support him in every way we can, including financially. We know that we have an awesome God, who is faithful and who will enable us to further His Kingdom as we work together!

In Christ,

Brooks Newbry, PNC Chair

Glenn Bennett, Sue Eisenklam, Brent Gregory, Kay Herrera, Ines McGrath, Gail Soderquist