

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET
FOR THE
OFFICE OF ELDER
CENTERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1. Elder's Basic Duties and Charge

The Bible speaks of elders who govern the people as shepherds caring for a flock. In the Presbyterian Church, elders are chosen by the people whom they serve. Their task is to govern the church by personal example and through exercise of their spiritual leadership.

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and sound judgment.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge, to pray for and with individuals in need, and together with the pastor, to encourage the people in the worship and service of God.

2. General Information

Together elders and pastors share the responsibility of overseeing all matters pertaining to the organization and function of this church family. The Session of the church along with the pastors is answerable to the Presbytery for fulfilling its duties to the congregation.

The Board of Session meets monthly or upon the call of its Moderator (presently first Monday of each month).

3. Characteristics of Elders

Leadership	Wisdom	Selflessness	Encouragement
Hospitality	Teaching	Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit	
Administration	Intercession	Keeper of commitments	
Discernment	Faith	Involvement in the life of the Church	

4. Scriptural References

1 Peter 5:2-3

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by constraint but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Titus 1:7-9

An overseer must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, and self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

Acts 6:1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."