



The Stated Clerk Search Committee would like you to meet **Mary Catherine Sevier**, **RE** of First Presbyterian Church Murfreesboro, candidate for Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Mary Catherine will be brought forth at the November 10, 2022, Presbytery meeting for election to assume the role of Stated Clerk beginning in 2023. Mary Catherine is a long-time resident of Murfreesboro where she finds joy serving in the community. She has a background in education and is looking forward to bringing her passion for learning and serving others to the Presbytery.

Many thanks to the SC Search Committee for their prayerful and dedicated work on behalf of the Presbytery:

- RE Shelby Smith, Chair – First, Spring Hill
- RE Ora Bransford Lux – St. Andrew’s, Nashville
- RE Lavona Russell – East Brentwood
- TE Michael Davis – First, Hendersonville
- TE Todd Jones – HR
- TE Ray Thomas – Co-EP staff



I am honored to be considered for Stated Clerk of the Middle Tennessee Presbytery. I have attended First Presbyterian Murfreesboro since 1999, and I have found serving as an elder there and volunteering in various capacities rewarding. While I grew up in Murfreesboro, attended Converse College in South Carolina, Vanderbilt University Law School, and Belmont University and I lived in Birmingham, AL as a young adult before moving back. My husband, David, and I enjoy hiking, cooking, and traveling together, and we especially enjoy spending time with our daughter, Mamie, who attends Centre College in Danville, KY where she participates in orchestra, varsity tennis, and Kappa Alpha Theta. One of our newest adventures is keeping bees with some dear friends, and despite the hard (and painful!) lessons we learn occasionally, we are finding it fascinating. On my own, I like to spend time reading, practicing yoga, and being with my friends or my two large dogs, Charlie Gunner and Ruthie. I particularly value my time spent with my neighborhood book club, the Craddock Study Club, and the Charity Circle of Murfreesboro. I am looking forward to learning more about the important service and work within the presbytery and forming professional and personal relationships in this role.

Mary Catherine's pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Hinkle, had these words to add:

It has been my great joy to serve as Mary Catherine Sevier's minister for the past fourteen years. I have observed over this time a disciple of Jesus Christ who is willing and wanting to follow her Savior into the world proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel. Mary Catherine has a love and passion for the local church. She takes her ordination vows seriously as a Ruling Elder, and she genuinely believes the local church is only as strong as her Session. I give thanks that Mary Catherine has heard the call to serve The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee as our new Stated Clerk. Knowing her to be a woman of great integrity, she will serve our presbytery and our local churches with grace and gravitas.

**Annual Compensation for Stated Clerk, RE Mary Catherine Sevier
Position is part-time (15-19 hours per week), exempt**

Salary \$26,000

Expenses \$2,000

Vacation Four weeks

Continuing Education As approved by Executive Presbyter

Term of Service is three years, renewable, beginning January 1, 2023.

Training and Orientation (paid), beginning October 27, 2022