

**PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

1. The First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, Ohio, being a particular congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), recognizes that the Constitution of said Church is, in all its provisions, obligatory upon it and its members.
2. There shall be an annual meeting of the congregation/corporation at the church, normally on the fourth Sunday of January for the transaction of any business properly coming before such meeting.
3. Special called meetings of the congregation/corporation may be called by the Session or the Presbytery. Such calls shall state clearly the purpose of such special meetings, and no other matter save that specified in the call may be considered.
4. Public notice of the time, place, and purpose of all meetings of the congregation shall be given by announcement from the pulpit on two successive Sundays next preceding the day of such meeting.
5. All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.
6. The pastor shall preside as moderator of all congregational meetings. If the church is vacant, or if the pastor and the session agree that the subjects to be discussed require it, or if the pastor is ill or is otherwise unable to be present, a minister of the Presbytery having jurisdiction shall be invited by the session to preside. This invitation shall be cleared through the Committee on Ministry.
7. The Clerk of Session shall serve as secretary for meetings of the congregation. If the Clerk is unable to serve, the congregation shall elect a secretary for that meeting.
8. The Clerk of Session shall also serve as secretary for the corporation.
9. All active members of The First Presbyterian Church shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the congregation and the corporation.
10. A quorum shall consist of the Moderator and one-tenth of eligible voters.
11. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
12. The Session will consist of the pastor(s) and the elders in active service. There shall be fifteen ruling elders on session, divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at a called meeting of the congregation, for a three-year term commencing January 1.
13. All elders currently serving on the Session who are eligible under civil law shall also be Trustees for the Corporation of The First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, Ohio.
14. A Church Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Session/Trustees and shall be responsible for the financial records of the church, shall have custody of the funds and securities of the church which come into his/her hands, shall disburse the same as determined by the Session, and shall perform such other duties as the Session may direct. An Assistant Treasurer shall also be elected annually by the Session.
15. There shall be fifteen Deacons divided into three classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at a called meeting of the congregation, for a three-year term commencing January 1.
16. Vacancies on the Session or the Board of Deacons may be filled at the annual meeting or at a called meeting of the congregation, as the Session may determine.
17. There shall be a representative congregational nominating committee chosen in accordance with the Form of Government. This committee shall bring to the congregational meeting called for the purpose of electing officers nominations of one eligible person only for each office to be filled and for congregational representatives for the congregational nominating committee for the following year. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible voter.

18. The above By-Laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the congregation or at a called meeting of the congregation. When amendments are being proposed to the By-Laws, such proposals shall be included in the announcement of the congregational meeting.