

My name is Patti Phillips. I joined the Presbyterian Church in 1997. I am an Ordained Elder. I am a member of High Springs Presbyterian Church in High Springs Florida. Prior to my membership at High Springs I was a member of Branford Presbyterian Church for 27 years. I served as the Clerk of Session for five years and was on the session several times.

I was baptized, confirmed and married in the Lutheran Church.

I became active in Presbyterian Women in 2003 when I volunteered as the registrar for the yearly Gathering. The connection with other Presbyterian women in the St. Augustine Presbytery gave me a sense of belonging and yes being part of the greater church. After many other positions and opportunities I had the privilege of serving as the Moderator of Presbyterian Women in St. Augustine from 2014-2016. This time was filled with new friendships and the joy to serve.

After my term as Moderator completed I was asked to serve on the Design and Discernment Committee (D&D). Then later I was asked to serve on the Nominating Team and Coordinating Council for six years. I have served on the Search committee for the Lead Presbyter, Administrative Commission, and as a General Assembly Commissioner.

On a personal note, I was born in Chicago Illinois grew up in the suburb of Niles about 18 miles outside of Chicago. I graduated from Augustana School of nursing in 1969. That same year I married Al Phillips who I have shared 56 years of love and partnership. We have two children and now have six grandchildren from 6-23. We are blessed.

We moved to Lake City Florida in 1971. (Lake City is Al's hometown.) I began working for the VA hospital as a staff nurse in numerous fields of nursing. One of my positions with the VA was the Women Veteran Coordinator. Although I was not a veteran, the needs of women veterans was important to me. After 40 years of service I retired as a Nurse Manager. Although I'm retired I still want to serve.