

*The United States Senate Commission on Art  
welcomes you to the unveiling of the  
Leadership Portrait of*

*William H. Frist*



*Old Senate Chamber  
United States Capitol  
Wednesday, the second of March  
Two thousand and eleven*

*Program*

*Invocation*

DR. LLOYD OGILVIE

*Welcome*

SENATOR HARRY REID

*Reminiscences*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

*Remarks*

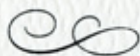
SENATOR WILLIAM H. FRIST

*Closing*

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL

*Unveiling of the Portrait*

MRS. WILLIAM HARRISON FRIST  
MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARRISON FRIST, JR.  
MR. JONATHAN McLAUGHLIN FRIST  
MR. BRYAN EDWARD FRIST



## WILLIAM H. FRIST

*I still see myself as a heart surgeon from Tennessee who happens to be in a position of helping to govern this body and the country.*

—Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, *The New York Times*, February 2, 2005

Consistent with his philosophy of the citizen legislator and loyal to his pledge to serve no more than two Senate terms, Dr. William H. Frist concluded his 12-year Senate career in January 2007. On that occasion, Senator Mitch McConnell captured the sentiment of his colleagues when he said, “Words such as ‘sacrifice,’ ‘duty,’ and ‘service’ mean something to Bill Frist. This Senate and this country are the better for it.”

William Harrison Frist was born on February 22, 1952, in Nashville, Tennessee, the fifth child of Thomas Fearn Frist, a physician, and Dorothy Harrison Cate Frist, an educator. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1974 from Princeton University where he specialized in health care policy at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. In 1978 he graduated with honors from Harvard Medical School. He spent the next seven years in specialized surgical training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Southampton (England) General Hospital, and Stanford University Medical Center. At Stanford, he came under the tutelage of Dr. Norman Shumway, the pioneering father of heart transplantation. Dr. Shumway inspired his subsequent career as a clinical and research heart and lung transplant surgeon. In 1985 Dr. Frist joined the teaching faculty at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he founded and subsequently directed the multi-disciplinary, multi-organ Vanderbilt Transplant Center.

Bill Frist won election to the Senate in 1994, the only challenger that year to defeat a full-term Senate incumbent, and the first practicing physician elected to the Senate since 1928. He won reelection in 2000 by the largest vote total ever received by a candidate for statewide election in Tennessee. While in the Senate, he continued annual medical missions to impoverished countries. In 2000 Senator Frist assumed the chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and led that committee through the 2002 election cycle, helping to elect a Senate Republican majority. On December 23, 2002, the Senate Republican Conference, by acclamation, elected Bill Frist to be their party’s floor leader. At the start of the 2003 session, he became the 18th person in history to serve as Senate majority leader, a post he held until his retirement from the Senate. As leader, he was instrumental in the passage of legislation to fight HIV/AIDS globally, modernize Medicare to include prescription drug coverage for seniors, reduce taxes, and achieve K-12 education reform.

Dr. Frist is married to Karyn McLaughlin Frist. They have three sons: Harrison, who is married to Ashley Huff, Jonathan, and Bryan.





*William H. Frist*

BY MICHAEL SHANE NEAL

OIL ON CANVAS, 2010

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Michael Shane Neal is a sixth generation Tennessean. Southern charm, prodigious talent, and a strong work ethic distinguish this accomplished artist. Neal found his calling in the arts at age 21, and recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as a professional artist. He has completed over 400 portraits including United States senators, ambassadors, federal judges, and corporate and civic leaders. Neal received a B.A. from David Lipscomb University and has studied at the Santa Fe Institute of Fine Arts, the Scottsdale Artist School, and the Lyme Academy of Art. In 2001 he was awarded the prestigious grand prize for the Portrait Society of America's International Competition.

In 2004 Neal completed a commission to paint Senator Arthur Vandenburg for the Senate Reception Room in the Capitol. "It's an honor to think of my work in a place with such history," Neal remarked. He recently completed portraits of Senator Robert C. Byrd, Senator Arlen Specter, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, former Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, and Federal Chief Judge Anthony Scirica.

His portraits are insightful interpretations of the sitter's character. Neal's adroit brushwork makes his work appear effortless, but the artist devotes serious study to the individuality of his sitter and each portrait setting. When not engaged in portraiture, Neal teaches painting seminars and enjoys *plein air* landscape painting.

Neal and his wife, Melanie, reside near his Nashville studio with their two daughters, Mattie Ree and Lilly Kate.

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