

# ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends:

After 24 wonderful years of ministry at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, I am writing to let you know that the time has come for me to retire. The Session was informed last night, and my last Sunday will be February 17, 2019.

It has been the highest honor and greatest joy to serve you as Senior Pastor. Together we have worshipped, studied, celebrated and given of ourselves in the name of Christ. Together we have witnessed an incredible expansion of mission outreach, have seen a rejuvenation of youth and young adults, have marveled over a veritable explosion of small groups, and have been uplifted by music second to none. Together we have pulled off ambitious long-range plans, have renovated buildings, have navigated potentially divisive theological issues and, perhaps of greatest moment, have steered our way through one of the most devastating storms ever to hit the United States. Through it all, we have grown in our faith. The Lord has, indeed, been good to us.

Please know that come February 18, I will no longer be available for any pastoral requests. This includes baptisms, weddings and funerals. This is not only standard protocol, it is good policy. The church needs to move on, and so I respectfully ask your understanding and compliance. Sarah Chancellor-Watson is more than able to handle any pastoral needs, and the Session, even now, is in the process of bringing on board a qualified Interim Senior Pastor/Head of Staff who will serve until your next Senior Pastor begins his or her service.

These have been the best years of our lives. You have been marvelously supportive of Colleen and me, as well as our three children. Here we have raised a family, made lasting friendships, and thrived on the rich culture of a fascinating and remarkable city. New Orleans is our home. Although some of our time will likely be spent in western North Carolina (especially the summer!), our intention is always to live right here.

Words cannot describe how grateful I am to you.

To God be the glory!

Love,



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