

An Update from Session and Chap Clark

May 24, 2021

Dear St. Andrew's Family,

We are so grateful to God for being with each one of us every step of the way this past year. For the past 75 years, God has brought us together as a community at our church campus on the corner of St. Andrews Road and 15th Street. We look forward to our future together, and to what God has in store for us in the days, months and years ahead.

Chap Clark officially entered his current call as Lead Pastor on February 1, 2018. Since then, Chap has greatly blessed our church, the staff, and community through his leadership, preaching, teaching, friendship, heart for ministry, and love for the Lord. On May 18, 2021, Chap informed the Session of St. Andrew's that after he and Dee spent considerable time in prayer and discernment for their future, and for their family's current needs and call on their lives, that he would be leaving the role of Lead Pastor and Head of Staff on February 1, 2022.

The Session of St. Andrew's is developing a leadership succession process in accordance with the ECO denomination rules and polity. The Session has already begun working with Dana Allin, Synod Executive for ECO, to help navigate the process. The goal is to have a new Lead Pastor identified by the end of 2021. This will allow for a smooth succession from our current Lead Pastor to our new Lead Pastor. Your Session will keep you up to date on the search process.

As we consider the rich history of our church, and the ways God continues to work in and through us, we are excited for the future and all He has planned for us. We ask that you pray for our church family, staff, leadership and community as we navigate the road ahead. May we join together as the body of Christ to reflect the love of God toward one another.

In His Service,
The Elders of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Jeff Beck
Greg Chao
Chris Clarke

Bob Edmonds
Sue Faassen

William Hover
John Loftus
Nancy Longmire

Greg Marchman
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Cindy Talbott
Jay Thompson
Nancy Thompson

Andy Wolf
Paula Zeller

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Dear St. Andrew's Family,

It is with immense gratitude that Dee and I share with you that the Lord is now calling me to retire from my role as lead pastor, effective February 1, 2022.

In many ways, there is a sadness that we will be leaving our St. Andrew's friends, with whom we have shared a deep affection since we first arrived 4½ years ago and has only grown ever since. As you know, meaningful relationships do not end, yet they do shift over time. You grabbed our hearts in December 2016, and you have held and walked with us throughout our time among you. We will always be grateful for the many, many friendships we have developed in our time here.

At the same time, we also sense a clarity that the Lord is directing both the church and our lives with this decision. We are convinced that we have gone through an important time together, both as a church and as a community, and as we come out of the "old" we believe that God has great things in store for St. Andrew's in the years to come. Therefore, it is now time for us as a church to begin the process of a prayerful, well-crafted, and deliberate succession plan in the months ahead.

The Session and I will be sharing more information as plans unfold, but for now Dee and I want you to know that we are committed to "running to the tape" for the next nine months. We have never been more grateful or excited for what lies ahead for St. Andrew's, and we look forward to partnering through this process with our dedicated staff, Session and you. May the remainder of 2021 – the *Year of Pouring Out* – bring great fruit for the Kingdom of God and great joy to the people of God. Thank you for the honor of serving as your pastor.

In His Service,
Chap Clark