



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

New Bern, North Carolina

Pat Kerr Rowlett ~ A Resolution of Gratitude

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has served First Presbyterian Church, New Bern faithfully since July 1, 1980: forty-five years and eleven months.

Whereas, throughout these years, Pat Kerr Rowlett has shared her deep faith with multiple generations of the church — notes of God's love written on her heart from her earliest years by her mother, a church musician, and her father, a Presbyterian minister.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has shown herself to be the consummate juggler: creating programs of entertaining variety in vocal choir music and instrumentals with costume and color; balancing choirs from young to long-ago-young with bells, chimes and whistles, xylophones and drums, cymbals, trumpets, trombones, and the occasional bagpipe — doing all of this with both patience and creativity.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has never stopped learning and has cultivated the gifts of teaching, leading, and inspiring choristers of all ages with new ideas and skills along the way.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has led the adult choir with elevated expectations, commanding choir members' attention and full participation, demonstrating her belief that doing things well brings glory to God.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has led the choir and the congregation in worship for at least 2,160 Sundays, and likely more.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has not kept her talents only here, but has also led the Craven Messiah Chorus for 45 years and traveled to Europe with her First Presbyterian Church, New Bern choir, singing Handel, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Copland, and Bach alongside more than 500 choristers in Berne with side trips to Salzburg, Innsbruck, Lucerne, Interlaken, and Geneva.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has done all of this while being married to Pete, managing marinas, and serving as an accomplished host for countless gatherings in her home on the Neuse River.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett has written hundreds of birthday songs for staff members, celebrating their personalities and their gifts and edited bulletins with a keen eye, catching the typos everyone else misses.

Whereas, we are abundantly grateful that Pat Kerr Rowlett is not going anywhere — but will remain here: in New Bern, in her home on the Neuse River, and in the pews of First Presbyterian Church.

Whereas, Pat Kerr Rowlett is now ready for a well-deserved retirement and a schedule that is her own.

Be It Resolved that First Presbyterian Church, New Bern offers its sincere and deep gratitude for the way in which she has so generously shared her faith, her gifts, and herself. We offer our profound thanks for Pat Kerr Rowlett — a beloved child of God: then, now, and always.