

**Joint Resolution  
of the Session and Diaconate of  
The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South  
Carolina  
Honoring  
Dr. Daniel Brooks Cole**

**WHEREAS**, while First Presbyterian Church has been richly blessed with a legacy of dedicated music leadership under Arpad Darazs and Larry Wyatt, the Session recognized that, with the retirement of Larry Wyatt in 2007, the season in the life of this church had come for its music ministry to be led by the right person in a full-time position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Music Director Search Committee, ably led by Elder Calhoun McMeekin and guided by then Senior Minister Sinclair Ferguson, was drawn to a young committed Christian and gifted bass singer, working on his doctoral degree in conducting, who was on the voice faculty at the University of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, the Session of The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina approved the hiring of Daniel Brooks Cole as its first full-time Director of Music, and Dr. Cole with his wonderful wife, Holly, and their eldest son, Nathanael (then just two years old) formally began his work among us in June, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan is talented and hardworking, tirelessly dedicated to enhancing our traditional worship service with appropriate choral anthems and hymns woven into the fabric of the Gospel preached from our pulpit, developing the talents of our children in youth choirs, composing new music for our worship, leading choral mission trips and raising funds for missionary work, and coordinating and conducting numerous special programs and events; and

**WHEREAS**, during the past fifteen years of this remarkable record of dedicated service, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church has been witness to his skill and special God-given gifts each and every Sunday and has been richly blessed to have a most talented conductor and director, always accompanied by a most excellent soprano in Holly joining him regularly in this work; and

**WHEREAS**, the officers desire to express their heart-felt appreciation to Dan and Holly Cole and the entire Cole family for their dedication and commitment to the music of the First Presbyterian Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED** that the Session and the Diaconate of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina, in a special joint meeting duly assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, do hereby recognize Daniel Brooks Cole and, as grateful officers on behalf of a grateful congregation, express their deep appreciation for his tireless, faithful and continuing service, dedication and commitment to excellence in leading

the music ministry of the First Presbyterian Church as its Director of Music, all to the Glory of God.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the officers express their gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Cole for their support of the Word of God through the music ministry of The First Presbyterian Church, which takes the Gospel to our local community and, indeed, to the entire world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the officers express their desire for the ministry work of Dr. Cole to continue for The First Presbyterian Church for many years to come; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be entered by the Clerk into the minutes of the Session and the Diaconate and a copy of the Resolution provided to Dr. Cole and his family and published to the congregation.

Lanneau Wm. Lambert, Jr., Clerk of Session  
Columbia, South Carolina  
August 1, 2022