

June 29, 2023

Debbie Dierks
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Dear Debbie,

With a mixture of gratitude and sadness, we are reaching out to let you know that you and your family have been very much on our hearts and in our prayers over the past two-and-a-half years. We want to thank you, belatedly, for your 36 years of music ministry at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church. During those years, you blessed us with your ability to transform an ordinary worship service into a transcendent space of joy and beauty and healing. You and Lewis truly embodied the heart and soul of worship at CHPC. Your musical gifts inspired many of us and helped us find a deeper connection with God and each other.

We are sad that your gifts will no longer enrich the life of our congregation. We also are sad that the circumstances of your departure from CHPC prevented us from expressing our deep gratitude for your service among us. We join you in mourning the loss of Lewis. How we miss his big voice and even bigger heart! At the same time, we rejoice that God has called you to a new congregation that loves you and welcomes your many gifts.

At a recent session meeting, we discussed the “permanent waiver of re-employment” in the severance agreement you signed that took effect January 29, 2021. We regret the harsh wording of that statement, and we agreed that the wording does not preclude you from playing music at CHPC if invited, at a wedding or funeral or special musical program, for example. If such an occasion arises, we would welcome you back with open arms. We miss you and Ryan and Jessi and would be happy for you to join us in worship anytime.

We also wanted to let you know that we plan to install a plaque in the choir room recognizing your long and faithful service in the music ministry of CHPC.

We love you, Debbie, and pray God’s abundant blessings for you and your family.

The peace of Christ be with you.

The Session of Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church

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