

From Pastor Katherine

Dear St. Andrew Community,

As I write this, I'm coming down from a whirlwind weekend of car parades, fuel baskets, Zoom happy hour, and a small group of Sunday School kids making me cry as they shared their memories of my time as their pastor. My thanks to all of you for figuring out how to send me off with such joy and love, even in 2020.

It's no easier to say goodbye, even after a weekend full of practice, so I will keep this brief: I cannot thank each of you enough for the ways you have helped me grow as a pastor. Last night I knelt at the altar rail and gave God thanks for the countless amazing memories I have from St. Andrew. I will carry you all with me as I begin this next stage in God's call on my life. I find myself relating to the words of St. Paul as I never have before:

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy...for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:3-6).

Merry Christmas and happy New Year. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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