



November 21, 2022

Dear OPC Community,

With much joy, sadness, and hopefulness, I share that by January 1st, 2023, I will no longer be serving as pastor of Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church. Our family has been humbled and grateful for all the love you've shared with us in the 5 years we've been here. I look forward to celebrating Advent and Christmas as my family's last month together with you at OPC.

Starting in mid-January, I will begin serving as an Associate Pastor at Fairfield Presbyterian Church, in Mechanicsville, VA (just outside Richmond, VA). This position will have a focus on adult education and mission, among other things. We are excited about this new call and the opportunities it will have for our family.

I share this news, with continued mixed emotions. It will be sad to leave Atlanta and Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church. You all have been an amazing support to our family over the past 5 years and we will carry you all in our hearts. I hope to spend quality time with each of you in the coming month. Please don't hesitate to reach out. I always enjoy grabbing lunch, coffee, or going on a walk!

In the meantime, I will continue to support the Way Forward Team and the session of OPC, as they faithfully and prayerfully work on the pastoral transition for the new year. Please continue to support the work of the church with your prayer, time, and resources.

With much love and gratitude,

Rev. Mike Watson