

A New Day at Gloria Dei Church
September 16, 2020

I am writing to you after the wonderful news that I will be called as the Lead Pastor of GDC after Sunday's vote. It means the world to me to become officially YOUR Lead Pastor. I am excited by what we can and will do in the future. And I am so incredibly grateful for your commitment to our future together.

I have been part of Gloria Dei Church since Fall of 2015 when I started preaching one Sunday a month. We've come a long way since then. In many ways nothing has changed for us, but in other ways everything has changed. I want to thank the Call Committee, the Congregational Council, and you for being part of this journey.

I pray for all of you daily and am constantly amazed and delighted to hear your stories of care and compassion for each other. The church is still being the church despite our physical separation. Planning for Fall events is happening. The staff is working to keep us moving forward. And the church is continuing to be the church.

We are worshipping together in person at our 8:30am service in the circle and via livestream and Facebook at 10am. We have folks making PB&J sandwiches for those experiencing homelessness, members volunteering at Feast of Justice, and people donating food to the Somerton Food Bank and St. Francis Inn. Discipleship Groups are meeting. The Men's Group is getting together at the home of a member. And other work and ministry is happening around the church.

The church is still here. The church is still vibrant. The church is still reaching out to help others. The church is making a difference. Doing this together is exciting and challenging. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to move forward together.

Looking forward to more opportunities to be the church together.

Grace and Peace –

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