



SAINT TIMOTHY'S

Seeking to Further God's Mission
Of Rescue and Redemption for His Creation

January 20, 2020

Dear Family and Friends of St. Timothy's Church,

At last Saturday night's worship Sue and I announced that we had been called to Prince George Winyah Church in Georgetown, SC. Like the last time I wrote to you all, it was a night I will never forget. I can't express how emotional I felt to tell you we were called out of your lives and I could feel the shock, pain and grief as soon as the words left my lips.

I have been in the congregation when my friend and beloved priest told our church that he and his wife were stepping down. I wanted to stand up and cry "no, don't leave us, it was just starting to get beautiful, wonderful and life-giving." He assured us then, like I tried last Saturday, that "our times are in God's hands" Psalm 31:15

Those words of scripture gave me some comfort then as I pray God's words can give you now. I know His plans and His ways are rarely what I would have chosen, but I also know each time I have said, "yes Lord, I will go" he has taken me from one beautiful place to the next. He really is a lamp unto our feet and a sure and certain hope in times of trouble. He promises to never leave us or forsake us, for times such as these. Sue and I will be with you until 2/26/20.

Sue and I will be forever grateful for all the intimate times of joy, laughter, tears, sorrow and struggle that we have shared with Christ as He has built and grown this church. I also know that for many in our new church this relationship we've shared may have been your first 'friendship' with a priest and their spouse. Now that we are saying goodbye, you can't imagine ever having that kind of spiritual intimacy again. I am confident that if you welcome, love and encourage whoever God and your vestry calls to St Timothy's with the same confidence and love of our authentic friendship, the Lord will give you another chance for deep spiritual intimacy. That is the way He works. Always more.

Last Saturday when The Daughters of the Holy Cross made their public profession of trust and belief in Jesus and His promises, I was reminded of the "call" that every follower of Jesus faces in their lives. Who will you follow? Who will you obey?

The disciples had the same question posed to them by our Lord and Peter answered for them and I pray for all of us when he said "Lord to whom shall we go? Only you have the words of eternal life!" John 6:68

Darlene Kidd your Sr. Warden along with the vestry will meet with Bishop Mark Lawrence the week after the annual meeting to discuss the steps that need to be taken in order to call your next Rector. As soon as these details are available, she will make the process public knowledge. Please communicate with her your desires for St. Timothy's through her email address: nanonenine@gmail.com

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