

Dear Redeemer West Side family,

I am writing this to let you know that after much prayer and conversation, I have decided to retire from my role as Senior Pastor at Redeemer West Side sometime between January 1 and Easter 2024, depending on the outcome of the search for my successor.

This decision is the fruit of a long process of discernment that Alice and I believe to be best for our family and our church family. I have been discussing this moment with trusted advisors inside and outside the church for several years. Through those conversations, the one thing I was determined to do was set up a transition that was thoughtful, timely, and allowed for the best possible outcome for the future of RWS. Critical to this outcome is handing the reins to my successor during a season of organizational and missional strength.

The past few years were some of the most challenging of our collective lives. However, the decisions made during that season, along with the hard work of our staff and lay leaders, have yielded fruit beyond what I could have imagined during the dark days of the pandemic. God has shown us that his grace is sufficient and his strength is made perfect in our weakness. I truly believe that RWS is in the best place it has ever been and is poised to be that city on a hill I preached about this past Sunday, illuminating the beauty, grace, truth, and love of Jesus for years to come.

There will be plenty of time to address your questions and share collective tears and laughter. But for now, please know how much I love you all and how grateful I am for the ways you have been patient with me as a shepherd and supportive of me, Alice, and our daughters. I don't know what the future holds for me, but I want to continue serving Jesus in some capacity in this next chapter of my life.

We will have a Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 15 to respond to my request to retire, talk about the next steps in the pastoral transition process, and for the members to elect a pastoral search committee. The elders will bring nominated members for congregational approval and explain the process going forward.

See you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

David

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