



## First Presbyterian Church

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Dear Members and Friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Milledgeville,

We write to inform you that the Rev. Susan Balfour has resigned as Pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Milledgeville on January 3, effective immediately. This decision was reached between Rev. Balfour and the First Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission. After much prayer and listening to the concerns of members of the church and Rev. Balfour, we believe that this transition in church leadership will be helpful for restoring the Rev. Balfour's health and well-being and that it will also assist the congregation in finding a path forward for the ministry you seek to do in the Milledgeville community and beyond.

The Rev. Balfour has shared with you in ministry for the last 9 years. She has provided strong preaching from the pulpit and has encouraged the congregation to place great emphasis on mission both locally and globally. In her leadership, she has demonstrated the importance of social justice and the command we have from Christ to be advocates for the marginalized and needy people in our world. The Rev. Balfour has led capably and faithfully in these areas and has cherished many relationships with the adults and youth of this congregation.

We have much work ahead of us to restore a spirit of graciousness and Christian love within the life of the congregation. You will be hearing more about what this change means and what to anticipate in the weeks and months ahead. As most of you are aware by now, the Session made a formal request to the Presbytery that an Administration Commission be formed with the mandate to assume original jurisdiction if we deemed it necessary. In November we took that step and therefore now function as the Session of this congregation. Trusting in the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit the Commission members have a strong desire and hope that we be will able to walk alongside church members and together seek a way forward as we discern who God is calling us to be and what God is directing us to do.

In Christ's service,

The Administrative Commission  
First Presbyterian Church of Milledgeville