

I want to share with you some information I have been working on for the last 2 years with the leadership. I feel the time is right for Christ's Church to make a transition in leadership. This idea started with me and is a result of a lot of prayer and discussion. I want to make a change at a time of strength and progress not in a time of decline or necessity.

My role will be changing from Senior Minister to an associate Minister role, focusing on teaching, preaching, leadership development, and Pastoral Care. Matt Farrar is going to assume the role of Senior Minister. I believe he is the right man for the role. He is gifted, prepared, called, and eager. The leadership team agrees and endorses his leadership.

We have been focusing for several years to develop team leadership. Our intent is that you don't really notice any change in Christ's Church but that we continue to glorify God by leading people to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

I am not retiring. Only God knows the future but I desire and plan to remain on staff at Christ's Church for at least another decade. I will continue to preach and teach as we maintain a team approach.

As a part of the process, which will formally occur June 28, 2026, I am taking a Sabbatical in the late summer and early fall of 2026. I applied for and received a grant from the Lilly Endowment which will fund traveling experiences with my family.

Again, I am not retiring. This transition was my idea. My hope and prayer in the next decade is to focus my serving in areas I feel are my strongest gifting and to cheer on the team and Matt as we serve together.

Here is a link to a page with more information.

<https://christchurch.com/leadership-transition>

God has blessed Christ's Church and I believe He is not done yet!

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