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Dear LPC,

Two Sundays ago, I encouraged us all to listen to dreams and nudges, looking for the light of Christ to travel new roads this year as led by the Holy Spirit. Well, the Spirit is leading me down a new road to take a call at Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Dothan, Alabama, as their Pastor/Head of Staff. I had discerned that God might have work for me to do in another congregation before I hang up my stoles and it is to this church that I feel led.

My leaving isn't a negative about LPC, it's positive. I've learned so much from serving with you which I believe God can use to help another church as it begins a new chapter in its life. I am leaving the church in a healthy position with strong leadership on and off the Session, solid finances, and a dedicated staff including Dave, our associate, with whom many of you have made good connections.

With the help of the Presbytery, the Session will employ an Interim pastor who will work with all of you to prepare you for your next pastor. The Presbytery will also work with the leadership in the search process. I firmly believe you will benefit from the fresh perspectives and different gifts of a new pastor. He or she will build on what is already here and guide you into the future God has for LPC as you serve together.

We will have time to say our good-byes as I work with the Session and staff over the next four weeks to ensure a smooth transition before my final day on Sunday, February 16th. For now, Dan will remain here to continue to teach at the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

While I am excited for this new chapter in my life and ministry, I know it will be hard to say good-bye to so many of you with whom I have spent much time and energy in shared ministry, as well as moments of great joy and deep sadness. It has been a privilege to be invited into your lives and I will carry all you have taught me as I continue to serve the church in a new place in the kingdom.

With deep gratitude,

Chris

