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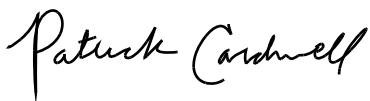
Dear First Baptist Church,

During my time as your Homebound Minister, it has been a privilege to serve our church with faithfulness, honesty, and commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. My time here has been affirming of my calling to ministry as I have been able to share my gifts and sincere care for our senior adult and at-home members. This opportunity to return to FBC and serve on the pastoral staff has truly been a gift, allowing me to work in a deeply beloved place while living more fully into my call. And through all that the last year has brought us, two things have never changed - God's faithfulness and your willingness to give and receive grace, even as we have faced unexpected and unprecedented challenges.

But the time has come for me to continue exploring my call to ministry in a different setting. Frederick Buechner, among my favorite writers, has said that "the place God calls you to is where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." The world has a deep hunger, a deep need, for spiritual and pastoral care. So as difficult as it has been for me to come to this decision to leave First Baptist Greensboro, I also look ahead to what is next. I will continue to hone my gifts of pastoral care by continuing my education as a hospital chaplain. The last year has made clear the great need for pastoral care to the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of so many people, but particularly hospital patients and staff. This opportunity will allow me to care for people in crisis and share God's love with them.

This decision has not been an easy one, but let this letter serve as my resignation as Homebound Minister of First Baptist Church Greensboro, effective April 26, 2021. Please know that I'm deeply grateful for our time together, and pray for God's blessings on all of us moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Cardwell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rev. Patrick Cardwell