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Dear Brothers and Sisters of First Presbyterian Church,

As this year comes to a close, the Administrative Commission (AC) wants to update you on the progress being made.

We began by searching and calling Pastor Margaret LaMotte Torrence to serve as your transitional pastor. Although COVID has prevented her from meeting so many of you, she is working hard to find ways to meet you and looks forward to seeing you in worship soon.

The next step was to establish a way forward with a Designated Associate Pastor position. Upon approval from the session and then the congregation, a search team was formed and they went to work immediately preparing the Ministry Information Form for session approval. They have begun reviewing candidate resumes. After a brief break over the holidays, they will resume their work in January.

Soon Pastor Margaret will be sharing information with you about the Mission Study that will be conducted to help you determine the future of FPC. This is very important as you, the members, have the opportunity for input into the vision, ministry and type of senior pastor you want to call.

Advent is the season of waiting. It has been hard for all of us as we have had months of waiting for many things—for COVID to go away, to be able to see our families in person, to gather in worship and sing, just to name a few. The AC is grateful for the prayers and support you have offered in this waiting.

The new year brings with it the promise of God with us as we continue to travel this journey together.

Merry Christmas to each of you.

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