



## St. Thomas Church Anglican – Episcopal

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Dear St. Thomas family,

As I sit down to type this letter, the words are difficult to find. I have been your Rector for almost thirteen years now. I came because I firmly believed that God was calling me to St. Thomas. That call has been confirmed for me, over and over through the years. God has been faithful. And now after much prayer, thought, and conversations with family and advisors, I am writing to tell you about my retirement plans. My last Sunday as your Rector will be January 29, 2023. The leadership of St. Thomas and I have been working with the Bishop and office staff, and will continue to do so. Our hope is for a God-led and Spirit-filled transition.

My retirement may leave you with many questions about my plans and the future for St. Thomas. I will be writing more about the process ahead of us, and the wardens and vestry will be doing the same. I will be available for conversations at coffee hour, invitations to your home, or even at a diner over breakfast or lunch. There will be time for questions and goodbyes.

Even in retirement, we are all a part of God's Kingdom, so there will be ministry of some type in my future. I just don't know yet what that will be. Right now, the time ahead will have more blank spaces than I am used to. I am hopeful about that. I am looking forward to spending more time with Cindy, our children and grandchildren, and my mother. I ask for your prayers.

More than anything, I encourage you to pray for St. Thomas and I invite you to discern your continued involvement in the life of our church. You are and will be in my prayers.

With love and appreciation,

Fr. Ralph+

**To know Christ: To make Christ known: To serve others in Christ's name.**