

June 6, 2025



Dear Congregation of Georgetown Presbyterian Church,

As we have begun to get to know the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe, it has been impossible not to get to know you as well. Camille's deep affection for the people and place of Georgetown Presbyterian Church is everywhere apparent. Her descriptions of your warm embrace of her and her family, your nurturing them and being church for them, makes you ever so real—and close—to us. It is obvious that to know Camille and her family is to know you.

It is also clear that you and Camille have shaped one another indelibly. Together you have built a community that is stronger for its differences, that brings together people across generations and viewpoints, welcoming those rooted in faith and those exploring it for the first time. You have lived out your faith among one another and in the city. We aspire to do all of those things with the grace and commitment you model, and we know that because of the mark you have made on Camille's ministry, in this next season we will be benefiting not only from her but from you. Thank you.

In our great joy and hope over Camille's hearing the call to come be with us, we also feel very deeply the grief and sadness that is yours. We wish that our saying hello to the Howes did not have to mean your saying goodbye.

You all are held very close in our prayers, in these days of leave-taking and in the Spirit-led future that lies ahead. We promise to treasure the gift that Camille and her family are and to do our best to care for them as well as you have.

Know that if your travels bring you to Chicago, there is a warm Fourth Church welcome waiting for you, for as part of Camille's family, you are now part of ours.

Faithfully,

Two handwritten signatures are shown side-by-side. The signature on the left is "Allison Youngblood" and the signature on the right is "Jared Light".

Allison Youngblood and Jared Light

Co-Clerks of Session

on behalf of the Fourth Church Congregation

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