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The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee and Session are pleased to announce and introduce our new Bridge Interim for Saint Giles, Rev. Rebecca Kuiken!

From the first encounter with Rebecca, the Saint Giles IPNC (Interim Pastor Nominating Committee) was delighted by her affability, insights, and wisdom about leading a congregation during an interim period. Her credentials and extensive experience, coupled with her energy and enthusiasm, are most impressive.

Rebecca has worked internationally and here in the United States. She was mentored by a campus pastor in Oregon, did an exchange year in France, and attended Harvard Divinity School and San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Working heavily in the San Francisco Bay area, Rebecca pastored an inner-city church, a large suburban church, and a neighborhood church. She also served as the Director of Communications for San Francisco Theological Seminary, staff consultant for a Human Resource firm, and Director of the Interfaith Council on Economic Justice in Silicon Valley.

In 2011, Rebecca became a pastor in the French Reformed Church, serving first in the South of France, and then in Reims. Eventually she went on to serve a church in Elkhart, Indiana.

An adventurous cook, fan of hiking, and member of the French expat community in the Triangle, Rebecca is now happy to call this part of North Carolina home. She is able to live near one of her two adult daughters who works for a local company.

Please join us in welcoming Rebecca! She will begin her time with us on August 15 (from a distance and via technologies) and more "in person" on Wednesday, August 19.

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The congregation is warmly invited to contribute to a **Love Offering** for Katherine, in recognition of her longtime ministry with Saint Giles. Contributions to the love offering can be mailed to St. Giles Presbyterian Church at 5101 Oak Park Road, Raleigh, NC 27612. Please make out checks to Saint Giles, and mark envelopes or checks with "Katherine - Love Offering".

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## Next Steps

The Session of Saint Giles has been busy working with folks from New Hope Presbytery to implement the first few steps in the future of Saint Giles. We are meeting with the Rev. Ted Churn (the Executive Presbyter of New Hope Presbytery) and Elder Toni Parker (Saint Giles' Liaison to the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry).

Ted and Toni have outlined our next couple of steps and will walk alongside us throughout this time of transition. Here is what you can expect:

1. At the July 20 Stated Session Meeting, Session elected an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC). The members of our IPNC are Chris Maxwell, Carol Pope, and Mick Wilber.
2. The IPNC has hired Rebecca Kuiken as our Bridge-Interim pastor; this is a short-term position. The primary responsibility of a Bridge-Interim is to keep things moving; lead worship, provide pastoral care, moderate Session and other essential ministry until an Interim Pastor is hired.
3. Next up, IPNC will write a Ministry Information Form (MIF) which will be approved by Session, Ted Churn and one of the co-moderators from the COM. Then the IPNC will interview potential Interim Pastors. The Bridge-Interim pastor may be a candidate for the Interim Pastor.
4. When the IPNC has completed interviewing potential Interim Pastors, they will bring a recommendation to Session, who is authorized to hire an Interim Pastor.

What can you do?

- Pray for our Session.
- Pray for our IPNC.
- Stay informed: read the weekly mini-newsletter and all communications from Saint Giles.
- Offer your gifts: with what tasks can you help? Could you assist with "snail-mail" mailings? Could you help with small projects on the church campus (something on-your-own or with your immediate family)? Could you encourage our staff-team and elders? Could you help with congregational care? Could you step-up and lead a ministry team so our elders can focus on transition? These are just ideas....the question is: what gift can you offer?

May God be with us.  
May God guide our steps.  
May God shape our decisions.  
And may we be open to God.

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## **Zoom Sunday School Opportunity**

10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, for all 1st-5th graders!  
Please watch for an email sent to parents from James.

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## **Church Sanctuary Available for Meditation**

If you would like to visit the church sanctuary for quiet prayer and meditation, please contact the church office. We will schedule a time for it to be available for you, and provide you with a list of guidelines to ensure safety for you and all others at Saint Giles.

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If you need assistance with shopping or other errands, or can assist with these needs, please contact Emmie ([office@saintgiles.org](mailto:office@saintgiles.org)).