

RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
Stated Meeting of Presbytery – September 21, 2024

THE REVEREND ADRIAN PRATT

Elder Donald Adams, Moderator

Leader Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

All Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

Leader Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

All Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

Leader who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

All who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

Leader who satisfies you with good things,

All and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

Words of Recognition for Rev. Adrian Pratt

Elder Rebecca Wright *Bridgehampton*

Rev. Jeff Prey will read words by Elder Andrew Smith, *an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Wales*

Elder Donald Adams, Moderator

Adrian, you are completing your active service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. Your siblings in this presbytery rejoice with you in the evidence of the Holy Spirit in your work. We thank God for your dedicated ministry in the church of Jesus Christ, and we praise God for the grace that has allowed your ministry to touch many lives. Now we come to mark with you the fulfillment of your calling, as the presbytery confers upon you the status of retired. While we know this begins a time of rest and the enjoyment of other callings, we value the experience you have gained and the skills you have acquired throughout your years of ministry. Therefore, we welcome your continued participation in the life of the church, using your gifts in meaningful ways. You remain a colleague in ministry, and we will continue to seek your wisdom and your fellowship. Together with the whole church, you will find new opportunities to fulfill your baptismal calling as one marked by the Holy Spirit, a disciple of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bring joy and peace to your life, just as you have blessed the Presbyterian Church with your ministry and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving - Elder Donald Adams, Moderator

Eternal God, through all the years of our lives, your love protects and guides us. By your Spirit, you call us to varied ministries in the service of Jesus Christ. We praise you for your gifts to your servant, **Adrian**, for his faithful proclamation of your Word, his administration of the holy sacrament of Jesus Christ, and his pastoral care and leadership in the church. Grant to him time for nourishment and rest, reflection and rejoicing, and the fullness of your peace. Through the Holy Spirit, bless him that he may remember the love of Jesus Christ, which unites us in the service of our Lord. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Thanks & Presentation of Gifts from the Presbytery - Rev. Kate Jones Calone

Beloved in Christ, God has brought you to years of Christian maturity in the Gospel ministry, and you have now requested retirement. The Presbytery of Long Island, in granting your request, desires to make public acknowledgment of your service to God. Words of appreciation and best wishes have been directed to you across the years and in this meeting today. It is my privilege as Executive Presbyter to say for all of us, well done, good and faithful servant. May God bless and keep you all of your days.