

First Baptist Church of Roswell  
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November 30, 2021

To: Dr. Kevin Head, Senior Pastor, Carolyn Haynie and David Mack, Co-Chairs, Minister of Music & Worship Search Committee, and the Congregation of First Baptist Roswell,

Greetings to you in Roswell! First, allow me to begin with a few 'thank yous.' Thank you to Carolyn Haynie and David Mack, alongside the entire Minister of Music & Worship Search Committee, for their faithful leadership and dedication to the process. They have acted with great integrity, transparency, and intentionality on behalf of your church as faithful representatives of your community of faith. I'm grateful for their long hours and many months of work, preparation, discernment, guidance, and sacrifice to help all of us arrive at this moment today. Additionally, I want to say a special word of thanks to Logan Carpenter for his leadership and behind-the-scenes coordination alongside the team to support them in their work. Thank you to the Personnel Team for their work and preparation to help formulate this possible opportunity. Thank you to Dr. Kevin Head and your Pastoral and Support staff at First Baptist for your joy and energy, your warmth and depth in conversation, and your leadership of the church you serve so well – to say I am excited to join their ranks would be an understatement. Thank you to Jane Martin and the Music Ministry of First Baptist for your leadership, your musical artistry, and for your faithful work in worship – your ministry is in large part why we have arrived at this point in our conversation. I am SO excited to join you. And lastly, but not in the least, thank you to the congregation of First Baptist Roswell. Thank you for your humble hospitality, your genuine care and interest in Katie and me, and for your overwhelming support in your calling us to First Baptist Roswell.

These past months have been such evidence of God's presence and fingerprints all over mine and Katie's lives. We have been so moved by every step of the conversation with your church. Katie and I have fallen in love with your church and the people that form it. We have easily seen that we could find and make a home amongst you all at First Baptist Roswell. In many ways, the process has felt a little like coming home to my roots. In conversations with a variety of folks in your congregation, Katie has felt so uplifted and supported at the possibilities and opportunities to continue her ministry and calling in Roswell at church and in the community around it – which for me, has been so very meaningful and encouraging as we head into this season of transition together – to know that you are just as welcoming of her as you are of me. I cannot accurately articulate how overwhelmed both Katie and I were by your decision to move ahead of schedule on voting to call and affirm me as the candidate. We are excited for the season of ministry that awaits us all.

It is with great humility and gratitude that I accept your call to come serve alongside you as your Minister of Music & Worship, to be effective during the first quarter of the church year in 2022.

As Katie and I begin the work of transition from our lives and ministries here in Maryville during the months to come, know that Katie and I will be praying for your church and the ongoing life and work of First Baptist Roswell that you all actively take part in. We also equally ask for your prayers as we say our "See you later's," closing this chapter of our lives, and as we prepare and transition to Roswell - as we work to settle into our new 'home' amongst your congregation. We look forward to what God has in store for this coming new year and a new season of our lives and ministry. See you soon!

Grace & Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David G. Warren