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Dear Friends in Christ at Grace Church,

It is with joy and enthusiasm that I accept the call to be your new Priest-in-Charge. I've already heard stories about your warm community where the Spirit's presence is so palpable. I can't wait to be a part of that.

In these first months, my hope is simply to get to know each of you. I want to hear about the ministries that bring you joy, the moments that have shaped your faith here, and the ways Grace has been a home for you. I also hope to share in the ordinary rhythms of parish life—praying together, worshiping together, and discovering together how God is calling us to serve our neighbors.

One of the things I love most about parish life is that the church is formed not only in Sunday worship, but in conversations after services, in shared meals, in prayer for one another, and in the quiet acts of care that often go unnoticed but matter deeply. Those are the places where community grows, and I look forward to being part of those moments with you.

Please know that I am already holding you in my daily prayers. I pray that our life together will be rooted in Christ, guided by the Spirit, and filled with the grace that allows us to grow in faith and love.

I cannot wait to meet you, hear your stories, and begin this journey together.

Blessings,

Fr. Steve Ashby

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