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***I always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in my prayers, constantly remembering before our God your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
I Thess 1:2-3***

Saints of John Knox Presbytery,

I came to John Knox Presbytery to serve as your Executive Presbyter in the Fall of 2014 and within a short period of time I joyfully proclaimed to you and to my colleagues around the country that JKP is a great place to do ministry. The intervening 7 years has continued to strengthen that conviction. John Knox Presbytery is a special place and I give thanks for your spirit and faith.

But even in the greatest of places, time marches on and transitions come and go. It is with a mixture of excitement for a new stage of life and sadness over leaving this special place that I am announcing my retirement effective March 1st of 2022. Janet and I have reached full retirement age and the call to be closer to grandchildren has proven a powerful force. It has been a joy and an honor to serve with you wonderful saints.

There is still ample time for ministry before we say our final good-byes. The Council will now begin the time of preparation for the transition, and I will offer the appropriate amount of help without overstepping my place as outgoing EP. In the meantime, let us all pray for one another with thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. I know that I feel tremendously blessed to be associated with John Knox Presbytery. In celebrating ministry done and ministry yet to come. I thank you!

In Christ's Service,

Chaz Ruark