

The promise is for
you and your
children and for
all who are far
off—for all whom
the Lord our
God will call.

Acts 2:39



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Shepherd's Heart

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Celebrating New Beginnings

Spring could not have come sooner this year. I was driving around NW 23rd on a drizzly Sabbath afternoon in March when I noticed the first cherry blossom. After a wet and dark winter, the cherry blossom came with the promise that winter wouldn't last forever. Nowadays with the wonderful, perpetual sun and heat, the damp, cold winter feels like a faint dream from a past life.

I feel that way about the new season we are in as a church family. We are stepping into a moment we have been praying for since we first entered into this year. Every Thursday Pastor Greg, Penny and Ray Ammon, Ed Hoover, and myself would kneel down and talk with God. We expressed our dreams to God of what we desired for the new season PVC was entering into and for who would lead us into that. For a while it felt like things were moving slowly and that our prayers were going nowhere. Around the time we were all wondering if the rain would ever stop, we were all wondering if there would ever be a time when we would have a new lead pastor!

Slowly over time, after months of prayer, meetings, researching we have finally found ourselves with a new lead pastor on our hands! To me Kessia Reyne Bennett and her family are like the cherry blossoms I saw in March, the promise that spring and summer are coming. New life is upon us and God is faithfully leading us to a new season. The song "He Has the Whole World In His Hands" comes to my mind as I envision God so tenderly holding our little church in His hands. May we continue to pray and seek God's vision as we welcome the Bennett family into the life of PVC.

Pastor Emily