



# Weaving a New Name

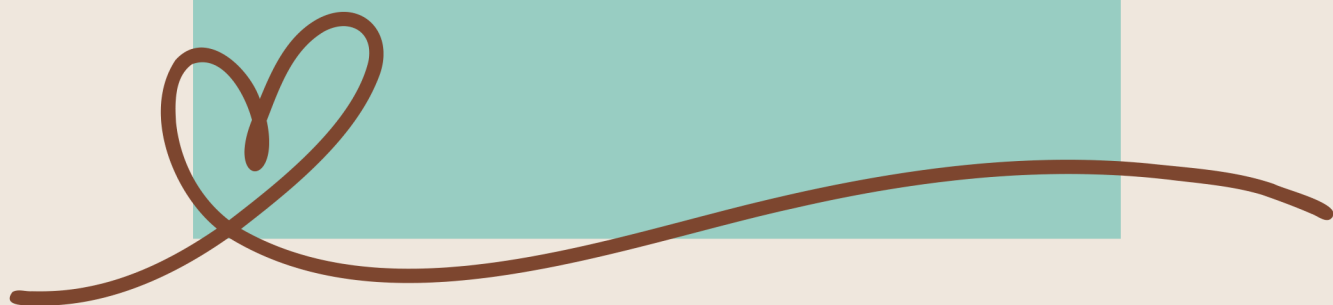
WHO WE ARE & WHO WE ARE  
BECOMING

FIRST CHRISIAN CHURCH +  
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHAPEL

"Weave"  
ROSEMARY CROW

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In her powerful hymn entitled “Weave,” Rosemary Crowe asks God to weave something beautiful together out of a diverse group of people. It’s a song of Christian unity, beloved by many denominations and was even, believe it or not, in the Girl Scouts Handbook. The first verse perfectly describes OUR faith community:

We are many textures,  
We are many colors,  
Each one different from  
the other.  
But, we are entwined  
with one another,  
In one great tapestry.









Have you noticed how so many people yearn for a deeper sense of community today?

For a place where, despite the many melodies we each play, one can experience a beautiful and harmonic symphony?

When it comes to finding a sense of community, there's no better place than a church like ours.

We are TWO churches, TWO communities of faith, that have come together as ONE. We are like a tapestry with many textures and colors, each one different from the other.

Tapestries are formed by weaving strands together with intention and care. There are many different materials used in tapestry-making, with each element adding to the tapestry's beauty.

This is much like our church, which is composed of many individuals from all walks of life, each bringing their own unique gifts and perspectives to this community of faith.

Just as a tapestry consists of hundreds of individual threads, our two churches have been brought together by the weaving of faith and community. Together, we have faithfully worked to ensure that all strands are meaningfully intertwined. The result is one unique and unified tapestry of community and faith. In our church, there is diversity, as each person weaves into the mix, bringing their unique perspective and beliefs.

In the Tabernacle, where the Hebrew people dwelled with God, the space was decorated with tapestries that made the space hospitable to God and people alike.

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that,

*"God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing"*

*(NRSV)*



The letter to the Colossians reminds us that  
faith is about relationships:

*"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."*

Colossians 3:12-15

All of our lives are a tapestry of love, woven  
together by God, the Master Weaver.  
We are one part of God's handiwork.

Or as another translation puts it,

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us  
anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things  
he planned for us long ago"*

(NLT)

While a tapestry is often bound on the edges,  
our tapestry will never be completed.

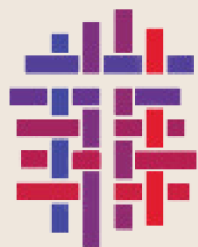
In faith, we will always continue to add to it.

In fact, we're weaving outwards into the  
community through our ministries that invite  
and extend community, hospitality, and  
service to all; it's who we are!

SPEND TIME PRAYERFULLY  
CONSIDERING OUR NEW  
SHARED IDENTITY AND ON  
THE FOLLOWING PAGES  
JOURNAL ABOUT HOW GOD IS  
SPEAKING TO YOU.

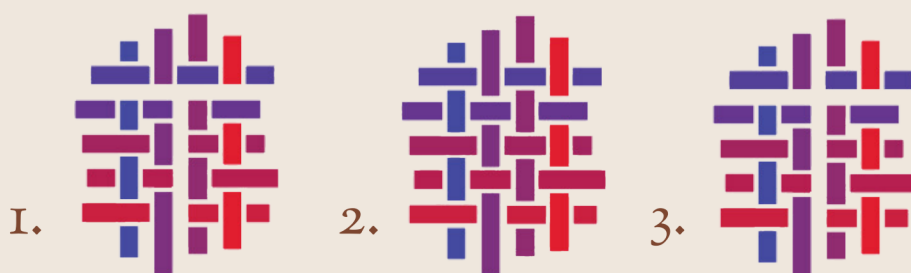


And so, together our joined communities  
of faith form:



**TAPESTRY**  
CHURCH

A Ministry of  
First Christian Church +  
Grace Presbyterian Chapel



*\*name and logo recommended for your prayerful consideration*

Here are some questions to  
help navigate your prayer time:

Is this the right name for our church?

Does TAPESTRY CHURCH invoke  
curiosity for those not yet here?

Is the name unique and encompassing?

How does this name speak to the story and  
history of our congregations?

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Join us on Sunday, June 11th  
& Sunday, July 23rd  
to share and listen of how  
God is speaking to  
our congregation.

On Sunday, August 13th,  
during the Sunday School  
hour, we will host a  
congregational meeting to  
vote on our new shared name.

In the interim, continue  
praying for guidance over the  
possibility of our new shared  
identity. Ask questions and  
engage in conversations as we  
progress throughout this  
process.