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Sunday, July 30, 2023

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Never in a thousand lifetimes would I have imagined that the young man who talked to Fr. Paul Crowell, priest at St. Luke's Prescott (c. 1994) about serving in ministry in Episcopal Church, would one day be called to serve as its Rector. My spouse, Linda, just recently confessed to me, that when we came for the in-person interview at St. Luke's, she felt like she *"had come home."* As we got out of the car our first evening among you, the monsoon rains created a rainbow in the sky. A sign of the promise of God and we conjectured the hope of even greater things to come. Prescott has always held a special place in our hearts and we are thrilled at the invitation to join you in ministry.

St. Luke's vision: "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known" is at the very heart of our baptismal vows. It is a vision that will continue to refine both who we are and how we minister in the quad-cities. Trusting that God is going before us, we look ahead with great anticipation to this new beginning. We are holding this time of transition in our prayers as we hope you are holding us too. Centered on Christ, and empowered by God's Spirit, together we will seek to be the kind of congregation our Lord has called us to be.

We look forward to being with you soon! To God Alone Be the Glory!

In Christ's Love,

*Fr. Marc +*

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