



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

My dear Friends:

It is with sadness mingled with hope that I need to let you know that at 12:04 p.m. this afternoon (Wednesday, July 25), Janet Sartelle closed her eyes in this world and opened them in the presence of Jesus. We grieve with John and the extended Sartelle family as well as all of their friends.

As they seek to gather family and friends, the family has asked that the services be held on **Friday, August 3, 2018**, at Independent Presbyterian Church. They will be hosting a visitation at 10:00 am in the rotunda with the memorial service to follow at noon in the sanctuary. Please be praying that Christ would be exalted and his glory magnified in this season of sadness.

I do hope we remember that death is not the way the world was meant to be. God created us for life, eternal life in his presence in a world that was delightful and designed for us. When sin and death entered with Adam's fall, it brought something profoundly unnatural into God's world, something not good, not the way the world was to be. And so, it is right for us to grieve, to weep, to sorrow. But as Christians, we have hope in our tears: because our great affirmation is Christ is risen. And because Christ has been raised, so we will be.

There will come a day when we will see Janet Sartelle—not just in heaven, but in this world made new, in a body made new, glorious, and beautiful. Until that day, we wait with hope and sadness mingled together around God's Word, awaiting the resurrection. Please join me, then, in praying for the Sartelle family in the coming days.

In the grip of God's grace,

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