



— the Chapel at Seaside —

FROM THE TOWER

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SAYING GOODBYE

Hello friends. If you've been with us on a Sunday morning at The Chapel over the past 3 years, you've likely had the pleasure to be led in worship by Daniel Pratt. I met Daniel my first year here at The Chapel and through a variety of beautiful and unanticipated connections, he ended up helping out with music for our 20th anniversary. When he was there, he met me and Sarah, and he attended worship. Before he had ever even heard a sermon or before worship even started, he said, "if you are ever in need of a worship leader, let me know."

Just a few months later, we were in need of a worship leader.

Daniel has been with us ever since. He's been a blessing to this community, a talented, thoughtful and creative musician, a humble and engaging leader, and a great part of our team.

His authenticity, professionalism, and willingness to be sensitive to what God is doing in moments of worship is quite exceptional.

He's been a great worship leader, partner, and friend.

As you likely know, Daniel also is the creator and operator of Panama City Coffee. A great and thriving local coffee shop with multiple locations. With a thriving business and a family of 6, it is time for Daniel to step away to focus on these endeavors.

We are obviously sad to see Daniel go, but feel incredibly blessed to have gotten to work with him over the past 3 years. Daniel still lives in the area and has promised he will be a fill in when needed. Daniel's last time leading us will be on Christmas Eve. His family will also be lighting the Advent Candle on Sunday, December 22nd. I ask that you pray for him and his family, offer them kind words, blessings, and words of encouragement as they focus on this business venture, and wish them the best wherever God leads them.

If you would like to email him, you can contact him at danielprattmusic@gmail.com or if you want to thank him in person I hope you will over the next two Sundays or on Christmas Eve.

It is never fun to see a team member step away, but it is always good to encounter incredible people - and we are grateful that Daniel will forever be a part of our story.

A WORD FROM DANIEL

WE HAVE CHERISHED OUR TIME AT THE CHAPEL OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A TRUE JOY TO CONNECT WITH SO MANY OF YOU AND TO LEAD WORSHIP EACH WEEK. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR HOW YOU WELCOMED US INTO YOUR HEARTS AND HOMES. THIS SPECIAL SEASON OF OUR LIVES WILL ALWAYS HOLD A PLACE IN OUR MEMORIES. WE LOVE YOU SEASIDE CHAPEL.

-DANIEL

WHAT'S NEXT

Nate Kelly will be our new worship pastor at The Chapel. Nate has led many times over the past year and co-led our Night of Worship a few weeks back with Daniel. They have been long time friends, have led worship together, and cowritten songs together. Nate will be leading with Daniel on Christmas Eve as well.

We'll share more about Nate in the coming month.