



# Pastoral Transition Prayer Guide

As our Pastor Search Committee begins the work of seeking God's guidance in searching for a new Pastor for our church, we are asking our congregation to cover their work in prayer for guidance, wisdom, humility, discernment, and unity.

## Pray the Scriptures

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Ephesians 4:2-6 (NIV)**

**We believe God is with us and will go before us to find a new Pastor. Thank Him for His Presence among us.**

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go: I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.*  
**Psalm 32:8**

**We believe that God is doing a new thing in our church, precisely for this time. Pray that we may discern these new things he has for us in transition.**

*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.*  
**Isaiah 43:19**

## Pray Jesus' Prayer for Unity

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**John 17:20-23**

Write a prayer for our new pastor and place it in the Prayer Wall in the front of the Worship Center.

# DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

Paul invites us in 1 Thess. 5:16-18 to “rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” This Scripture gives us guidance on how to know the will of God, by being joyful in Him, filled with thanksgiving. Praying without ceasing implies that we are constantly, fervently, bringing our requests to God. May we daily, without ceasing, be praying for these things.

**For the spiritual growth and health of our Pastor Search Committee, our staff, and our church leaders.**

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

**Colossians 2:6-7**

**For God’s wisdom and guidance for the committee to bring the right person to the attention of the team.**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

**Romans 12:2**

**That we, the church, may be blessed with a season of unity, humility, and bearing with one another in love.**

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

**For our next pastor and their family to clearly discern God’s calling and leading.**

*For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**Eph 2:10**

## Pray

Lord, we trust you. We trust in your provision. We have seen you go before us and are in awe of all you have done. Give us unity. Give us wisdom. As we fix our gaze on you, might we see clearly what you have in front of us. Might you reveal to us anything that is not from you as we together seek your will. Lord, take control and guide us, O Great Jehovah.

Amen