

## **Unified Prayer Schedule/Topics - Pastoral Search Process**

### **(The Lord is our shepherd-Psalm 23)**

**Unity (November 2020): I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians 1:10**

- That roles within the search committee will be organized using each other's gifts
- That the chair person will facilitate well
- That the priority of tasks will be clear

**Guidance (December 2020): But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13**

- Clarity in vision
- That the needs of the church have surfaced and are captured in the pastoral profile
- No personal agenda/bias; only the will of God

**Discernment/wisdom (January 2021): And this is my prayer: That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight; so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-10**

- The committee will make wise judgments as they sort through resumes (James 1:5)
- That the right candidates will be asked to be interviewed
- That the candidates will have clarity as they discern each step

**Protection (February 2021): But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. Psalm 5:11**

- That every Elder, Search Committee member and Candidate including their families would be protected from the evil one (Isaiah 54:17)
- That our church would be protected like it says in Psalm 91

**Patience (March 2021): Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience. Colossians 1:11**

- That we don't get too eager with tasks (2 Thessalonians 3:5)
- That we bear with one another

**Peace (April 2021): May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13**

- Pray that the congregation will have confidence in this process
- That the staff will rest in knowing the next leader is God's leader, the one whom He has chosen
- That when we are anxious, we pray and trust in God; not a human process (1Peter 5:7)

**Transition (May 2021): Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6**

- That the new pastor and family will have a smooth transition
- That our church body will positively embrace the changes ahead
- That the new pastor will feel supported and blessed by the church leadership