

Day 1

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

As we begin our season of prayer, let us affirm God's faithfulness and our trust in Him. Pray that the future pastor, the congregation, and even the search process would be witnesses to the faithfulness of God.

Day 2

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:5-13

Jesus reminds us that God loves to give His children good gifts. Let us ask God for a pastor who pleases Him, a pastor who will lead us in pleasing God, and a search process that pleases God.

Day 3

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:7

Today, let us thank God for what he has done in and through this congregation in the current season, including through Pastor Matt. Thank God that this succession, though hard, is honorable and healthy.

Day 4

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:23-34

As we prepare for this succession process, let us pray that God would reveal any grievous ways in and among us that would harm this congregation--and repent of them. Pray that God would reveal and transform any grievous ways in or among the members of the search committee.

Day 5

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:5

Let us return to the aim of our charge and pray that God would grow in us love, pure hearts, good consciences, and sincere faith. Pray that these would be the aims that guide the search committee. Pray that God would grow these traits in the future pastor, even now.

Day 6

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-4

Let us pray for humble and deferential hearts. Pray for the good of any in the congregation with whom you have been at odds. Pray for a humble pastor and for a spirit of mutual submission among our congregation that would testify to Jesus' way.

Day 7

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7

Let us pray for unity throughout the search process, unity among the search committee members as they approach the candidate God has for us, unity with and love for other congregations, including the congregation from which the future pastor may come.

Day 8

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:6-7

Let us ask God to take our anxieties about the search and transition, to guard our hearts with the peace of Christ Jesus. Ask God to grow us into people of supplication, thanksgiving, and peace through this season.

Day 9

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-2

Let us pray for honest and honorable dialogue and communication throughout the search and transition process. Pray for a pastor who will lead us in many years of upright and admirable ministry as a witness to Princeton and the world.

Day 10

Scripture Reading: James 4:1-12

Let us confess our selfish desires and ask God to protect us from quarrels and fights. Ask God to grow us in humility, and to lift us up only as he sees fit.

Day 11

Scripture Reading: James 1:5

Let us ask God for wisdom: For the search committee to make each decision with wisdom, for the future pastor to respond and transition with wisdom, for all of us to encourage one another with wisdom.

Day 12

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Let us pray for a person of character to serve as our next pastor. Pray for someone with the qualities in this passage. Pray for the search committee to have discernment.

Day 13

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-5

Let us pray for a pastor who is eager to care for us, who is an example to us, who humbly follows the Chief Shepherd, Jesus.

Day 14

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Let us pray for a preacher who preaches the word in and out of season, with complete patience and teaching. Pray that the preaching ministry of this church would lead to repentance and transformation for years to come.

Day 15

Scripture Reading: John 13:34-45

Let us pray a pastor who loves, who can lead us in love for one another and all people, that they might know Jesus, the one who has loved us.

Day 16

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Let us pray for a leader who is strengthened by the grace that is in Jesus Christ to proclaim and minister diligently, wholeheartedly, aiming always in everything to glorify God.

Day 17

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Let us pray that God would protect us from all the devil's schemes--especially division, resentment, secret sin, manipulation--and affirm our God as the one who can protect us from evil, the one who will indeed strengthen and establish us.

Day 18

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3

Let us pray for a healthy and honorable transition: Abundant goodwill, the absence of factions, a shared desire--among congregants, pastors, and congregations--to follow and glorify God.

Day 19

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:8-16

Let us pray that God would use this process and this future pastor to equip us for ministry, to grow the body into the image of our head, Jesus Christ, that we might together be a witness to the world of God's grace and love.

Day 20

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:14-15

Let us ask God for a pastor who will please Him and help us to please Him. Ask God for what you desire in this pastor, knowing that God will answer every prayer that is in accordance with His will.

Day 21

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

As we begin our season of prayer, let us affirm that God is supremely trustworthy and that we place our trust in Him. Pray for trust and God's blessing.