

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

Summary of Posters for Next Chapter Prayer Vigil

March 2017

1. WORSHIP

— remember how our worship excels; this includes the diversity and accessibility of our Sunday morning services.

Thank God for worship at St. Andrew.
Consider our music, art, sermons and facilities.

Confess any barriers to worship at St. Andrew.

Listen for guidance.

Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- 3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- 7 for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

2. FAMILY

— remember family friendly ministries like Sunday school, Adult education, children's ministry, youth ministry, multi-generational ministries, small groups.

Thank God for the many families at St. Andrew.
Think of biological and adoptive families, and our family in Christ.

Confess any barriers to families at St. Andrew.

Listen for God's guidance.

Romans 8:15

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as children by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

3. COMMUNITY

— remember the importance of our connection to the local community, including hospitality ministry, local mission work like free lunch, Let us Feed Others, ecumenical bible study, sports leagues in the multi-purpose room, organ concerts for the community, anything that connects us to our neighbors.

Thank God for our local community.
Include the picture of our 2 mile radius

Confess any barriers to meeting our neighbors.

Listen for guidance.

Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

4. MISSION

— remember our national and international mission work

Thank God for our partners in mission.

Some examples include: Haitian American Friendship Foundation (HAFF), Impacto: Guatemala, Iowa City Mobile Pack, Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, Pittsburgh Project, Mission Co-Workers like Bernie & Farsijana AdeneyRisakotta · Perry & Beth Oakes · John Etre & Family. Include any others dear to your heart.

Confess any barriers to mission.

Listen for guidance

Matthew 9:36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

5. STEWARDSHIP

— remember we are blessed with and responsible for so many resources

Thank God for our ministry support teams — session, finance, personnel, building, grounds, prayer team

Thank God for our staff — Matt, Kyle, Matthew, Randy, Heather, Kristin, Sarah, Rebecca and Karen.

Confess any barriers to good stewardship at St. Andrew.

Listen for guidance

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

6. NEXT CHAPTER

— confess any tendency to worry or complain, then remember God's repeated blessings and promises to St. Andrew both now and in the future.

Thank God for his presence at St. Andrew.

Review the site and construction diagrams in the sanctuary.

Visit the construction site.

Listen for guidance.

John 3:14-16

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness,

so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.