



*Media Presbyterian
Church*

40 DAYS OF PRAYER



40 DAYS OF PRAYER: LOOKING FORWARD TO GOD'S CALL OF A NEW PASTOR

May God bless us with the fullness of His Presence as we, the body of Christ, join together in humble, fervent prayer. As we pray faithfully during this search process, may we be quick to remember and pray for those who currently serve us as pastors and ministering staff members. May we never fail to thank God for our church staff and their devoted service to our church family as we pray for them each day.

Media Presbyterian Church

Mission:

'To be a welcoming Christian fellowship of all ages and walks of life, igniting a passion for God through worship, striving to grow as faithful disciples of Christ, being inspired by the spirit to love and serve others.'

Vision:

'Our church will be a spirit-filled community that invites God to work powerfully among us as we Worship, Grow, and Serve Together. As a sanctuary of grace, we welcome all who enter to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

United in the essentials of our shared faith, we are committed to growing deeper in relationship with God and one another.

We are especially devoted to nurturing the faith of the next generation, helping them become compassionate disciples who share God's love. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be a radiant light in today's world, sharing the good news of God's mercy and grace in word and deed.'

Day

1

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 3:5-6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor.
- Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.
- Pray for the pastor God has chosen for us to also seek and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Day

2

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 2:1-7

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the church and PNC to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.
- Pray for our coming pastor to desire to glorify Jesus Christ above all else in life.

Day

3

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for our pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.
- Pray for our coming pastor, that their family will have unity concerning God's leading.

**Day
4**

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 15:1-8

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during any transition/interim period.
- Pray for PNC members to remain close to Christ and centered in His Word.
- Pray for the coming pastor and family that they will each draw even closer to Christ as God prepares them for this calling.

**Day
5**

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 15:9-15

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ.
- Pray for the PNC that they will be able to balance the demands of the sacred with their other responsibilities.
- Pray for the pastor God has chosen for us to also seek and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Day
6**

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 15:16-17

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a season of fruitful, ministry as the church prepares for its next pastor.
- Pray for the PNC to be blessed with answered prayers.

**Day
7**

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 29:11-13

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the PNC, the church body, our staff, and the coming pastor to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that God is in control of the church's future.
- Pray that we will be patient and await God's timing as the search process continues to unfold.

**Day
8**

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 139:23-24

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for members of the PNC to have humble hearts before God that are pure and Christlike as they work through the pastor search process.
- Ask God to reveal your heart to you. Ask Him to show you those areas He wishes to work in your life to make you more like Christ.
- Pray for our future pastor, that his/her heart remain humble and pure before God.

**Day
9**

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-11

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present.
- Pray for God's protection on the PNC, the church, and our future pastor.
- Praise God for Pastor Rose and her faithful dedication to MPC. Pray for her as she works with the Presbytery and that God will open doors for her in ministry.

**Day
10**

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor and family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to reveal your heart to you. Ask Him to show you those areas He wishes to work in your life to make you more like Christ.
- Pray for our future pastor, that his/her heart remain humble and pure before God.

**Day
11**

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 1:5-8

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the PNC to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential candidates.
- Pray for church leaders and members to seek God's wisdom in the transition/interim.

**Day
12**

SCRIPTURE READING: COLOSSIANS 1:9-12

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor and family to be certain of God's will to transition to a new field of ministry.
- Pray that God will be glorified in the search process.

Day 13

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 2:41-42

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a sense of God and peace for the PNC, even in times that may seem chaotic or busy.
- Pray for our transitional pastor, David Cagle, that God would grant his wisdom and strength as he guides our church through this period of transition. Pray also for his wife, Zoe.
- Pray for our future pastor, that his/her heart remain humble and pure before God.

Day 14

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 3:1-6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a fresh wind of God's Spirit to blow throughout our life as a congregation, renewing us and inviting us into God's work all around us.

Day 15

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 13:34-35

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for endurance for the PNC as they patiently work through the search process, resisting the pull to rush to the finish line, instead having no timetable but God's.
- Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen in our community and among our mission partners.

**Day
16**

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the pastor search process.

**Day
17**

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 51:10-12

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for each member of the PNC to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by him.
- Pray that we would surrender all bitterness, division, and anger within our church family; that God would surrender us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love.

**Day
18**

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach and teach the Word of God.
- Pray the Lord give the church a hunger to know and follow His Word and enthusiasm to the Word preached by the new pastor.
- Pray for growing numbers of the church committed to discipleship and evangelism.

**Day
19**

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 13:17

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to willingly and joyfully serve with their leadership.

**Day
20**

SCRIPTURE READING: JOSHUA 1:9

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for each member of the PNC to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastor search process.

**Day
21**

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 2:2-6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision making.
- Pray for the PNC to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom.

**Day
22**

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 4:1-12

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that God is preparing a community of friends and neighbors for our next pastor and their family, that they would feel a powerful welcome and a deep sense of belonging.
- Pray for the PNC to continually submit to God's will.

**Day
23**

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 17:20-23

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and God will be glorified.
- Pray for the PNC to be unified in their decision making.

**Day
24**

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that we will commit to fully supporting our new pastor and his/her family.
- Pray for the PNC as they listen to sermons of potential pastor candidates.

**Day
25**

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 33:3

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as we seek God's will for a pastor, but also as we seek to move forward in living out our mission and vision.
- Pray for unity within the PNC that they will continue to work as a team and will be unified behind the candidate that they recommend to the church.

**Day
26**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that we will be mindful of our spoken and unspoken expectations of our new pastor and this next season of ministry. Pray that we are forward-looking.
- Pray that we would be sacrificed in love, willing to set aside our own wants and preferences for the larger call of God in our midst.

**Day
27**

SCRIPTURE READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our church to grow in love toward one another.
- Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.
- Please pray for the search for a Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries that a person with a heart for sharing God's love with our children, youth and families will feel called to our church.

**Day
28**

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS

1:15-23 Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for the church to look to Christ as the head of the body.

**Day
29**

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 3:14-22

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the church to fight against lukewarm spirituality.
- Pray that church members repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom's work.
- Pray that as we approach the call of a new pastor, that God will provide a new call for Transitional Pastor, David, and blessings as he and Zoe move on to their next church. Give thanks for his continued ministry in our midst until that time.

**Day
30**

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 10:19-25

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship.
- Pray for the PNC to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding the future pastor.
- Thank God for our staff who have led and supported us through this time of transition.

**Day
31**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 5:1-4

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that our future pastor shepherds the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner.
- Pray for our future pastor's walk with Christ.
- Thank God for our staff's dedication during this time of transition. Pray for Andrew, Camryn, Emily, Lisa, Rose, Sandy, and Scott.

**Day
32**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 5:5-7

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and our future pastor.
- Pray for the church to follow the leadership of the future pastor.
- Thank God for the blessing He has given us in the leadership of David as our Transitional Pastor during this time.

**Day
33**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 5:8-9

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the PNC to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership.
- Meditate on our church's new mission and pray God will guide us to faithfully love into it.

**Day
34**

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-16

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the PNC to make wise use of their time during their meetings.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to our future pastor.

**Day
35**

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that in times of discouragement, the PNC and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that God is at work bringing the church and the future pastor together.
- Meditate on our church's new vision. Pray that God will powerfully guide us to grow to be that church.

**Day
36**

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 17:20-23

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to our next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the pastor and church.
- Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

**Day
37**

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:24-26

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the PNC to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord.
- Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in their future pastor.

**Day
38**

SCRIPTURE READING: GALATIANS 6:9

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the PNC to not grow weary in their work.
- Pray that the PNC and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing us and our future pastor together.

**Day
39**

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servant-hood permeates both the search committee and the church during the pastor search process.
- Meditate on our mission tagline; what it means to you personally and for us as a church.

**Day
40**

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 28:18-20

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples.
- Pray that we will be united in our decision regarding the individual who is called to become our next pastor.

