

# Leadership Transition Prayer Guide

Thank you for joining the prayer team for this leadership transition. We believe prayer is the most important part of this transition. We agree with the words of Oswald Chambers, who wrote, "Prayer is not the preparation of the work. Prayer is the work." We pray this guide will assist us as we walk through this next season together.

**1. Praise and Adoration that Jesus is the Head/Leader of the Church (Col. 1:18) and is building His Kingdom. Thank God that He never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).** "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord is the Kingdom; You are exalted as head over all." - 1 Chronicles 29:11

**2. Pray for the transition of leadership.**

- Steve & Brian: Pray for them as they step into their new roles and adjust to their new responsibilities. Pray they would fix their eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2) and would continue in the gifting God has given them so the body of Christ may be built up (Eph. 4:11-12).
- Brian's (Sara, Ben, Caleb and Daniel) & Steve's families (Peggy, Kiersten and Will): Pray that they too will sense the support & love of our church. Pray for their families to be fitted with the armor of God (Eph. 6:10-18) so they are protected from the attacks of the enemy and stand firm in their faith.
- Jeff & Tricia: Pray Isaiah 40:28-31 over Jeff and Tricia as they enter this time of transition. Pray as they prepare for the sabbatical and Tricia finishes teaching with the preschool.

**3. Pray that our elders, staff, and church family will seek God together during this time and beyond.**

- Elders: Pray for our 7 lay leaders who form our Elder Team as they work alongside Brian & Steve in the next chapter. Pray that God would give them wisdom (James 1:5) for the task of spiritually leading the church. You can view our elders [HERE](#).

- Staff: Pray that our church staff would continue preparing and equipping God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12). Pray for and thank God for our staff and that this transition will work smoothly. You can view our staff [HERE](#).
- Church family: Ask the LORD to show you how you can keep growing with Jesus and giving yourself fully to Him & His mission (Col. 1:9-12). Pray that we would commit ourselves to the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20) to go and make disciples of all nations.

#### **4. Pray for Unity in the church.**

- Take time to read Psalm 133:1, John 17:20-23, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Cor 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; Ephesians 4:1-16, Phil. 2:1-11, Col. 3:12-15.
- Pray that God would make us united as we step into this next season.

#### **5. Pray that we would join Jesus in His mission.**

- Pray that we would continue to share God's heart for those who don't know Him yet. Pray that we would be concerned for our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow students (Rom. 10:14-15).
- Pray for those God will lead to Cherry Hills in the coming months. It is the Lord's desire is that none should perish but all should repent and know Him (2 Peter 3:9) and we pray many will follow Jesus in 2021.
- Pray that even now God will raise up future leaders for our church family, who are faithful, loving and true to Jesus, who can one day succeed Steve and Brian, so that we stay Jesus Centered, Bible Based and Kingdom Minded for generations to come (Psalm 145:4,13).