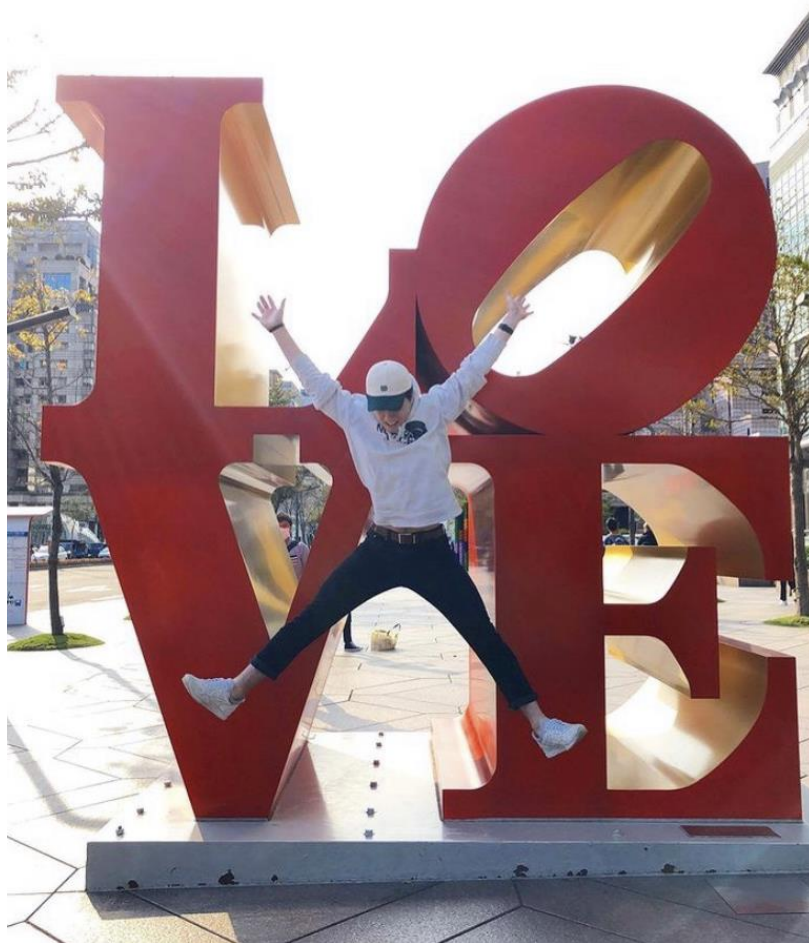


First Baptist Church in Needham
One in the Spirit: Transition Prayer Resource

February 2022



Transition Edition 10

(for whenever you are so led to pause, reflect, and pray)

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A Note for February –

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them (1 John 4:16).

As February is a month of remembering our love for one another, may it also be a time of remembering that you are a part of the greatest love story there ever was – that of God’s love for this world. Abide in God’s love – healing, forgiving, restoring, blessing, creating, offering welcome and grace, and new mercies in each and every day.

Please join me in prayer... - *Pastor Daryn*

+ We Hold in Prayer +

My Prayers of Gratitude & Thanksgiving

O God, thank you for each new day and all that it brings.

**You promise to provide all that I need, caring not only for me, but for all creation
and so I rejoice...**

With Jim Fuller for all of Your many blessings ...

With Peggy and Mark, as they are reunited ...

With Louise, for George and those that care for us ...

With Bev, for physical therapy and the joy of feeling stronger ...

For those with recent birthdays, for Jim Fuller, Anne Wile, Bruce Wile and our bookkeeper, Cindy Sullivan; we are so grateful for the gift of you in the world and to our community; God bless you! ...

We offer prayers of gratitude in celebration of the fortitude and brilliance of those who have identified as black throughout history, in our country and in our world ...

+++ Offer your own prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving here. +++

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow....

Prayers of Personal Concern, Healing, Solace, & Courage

Faithful God, you know me inside and out,
all my hopes and dreams, fears and failures.

You hear your children cry out for healing and consolation, courage and strength.
Send your Spirit in the sharing of the concerns of our hearts as I pray...

With Holly, for a colleague on extended medical leave and traveling mercies for those traveling to fill in for her over the next several weeks.

With Clif, whose brother-in-law, Charlie Calusdian, is in his final days of hospice care at home. Prayers for his comfort and for your continued felt presence with him. Prayers for continued strength and provision for Janet Calusdian, Clif's sister and Charlie's wife, as she keeps vigil for Charlie. May she be surrounded by the love of friends and family in this difficult time ...

With Pastor Daryn, in the remembrance of Laura Clayton, a member and healer of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Needham, as well as a dear colleague and clergy representative in Needham. May Christ's solace and healing accompany her family as they grieve her unexpected death, and may the peaceful and comforting presence she offered the world continue as she is remembered by each one she loved and cared for. May she find rest with God whose love and restorative goodness never ends ...

+++ Offer your own prayers of concern, healing, solace, and courage here. +++

Lord, in your mercy, hear my prayer....

Prayers in Our Transitions

God of Life, in all of life's turns – planned and unexpected – you are there.

For the transitions that are hard for me to bear,
grant me the strength to be vulnerable and seek loving accompaniment.

For the changes I anticipate, grant me hope and wisdom.

Trusting your Spirit is moving to prepare a place in fellowship and community for
each beloved member of our First Baptist congregation, I pray...

For Marty and her children as they discern the future of Marty ongoing care ...

With Liz, as she continues to seek answers to her housing crisis; grant her the reassurance of your presence and provision, O God, and may she find the resources and people she needs to navigate this transition ...

With Holly, for her son in law, Greylyn, as he prepares for his doctoral defense on March 3 ...

With Mark and Peggy, for Peggy's safe travels as she makes way to be with Mark for some time on the east coast before their journey to Colorado ...

For folks at Wingate as they navigate finding new accommodations and employment in preparation for its closing in June. We pray especially for residents, Bruce Wile and Barbara Arnold, in this time of transition – that they might find alternative care and provision that is in close proximity to their families, and that they will find meaningful and beautiful community in their new homes ...

Prayers for Needham Children's Center as they continue to seek a peaceful resolution and smooth transition to their need for a new home for the daycare ...

For our Administration Ministry's continued good and dedicated work in preparing the next steps of our transition, and wisdom for us and for the legal counsel that is accompanying us through our process ...

For each congregation member's prayerful discernment of the next step in your spiritual journey and the communities of faith who will be blessed by your presence among them going forward...

+++ Offer your own prayers for our transition here. +++

Hear my prayer, O Lord...

Prayers for the Community, Nation, & World

God of compassion and justice, there is so much in the news that is painful, from natural disasters to governmental actions to hunger, poverty, and violence.

And there are so many instances of lovingkindness, beauty, and hope.

Move among your creation and your children, as I pray...

With Nancy, for peace ...

For a just resolution to the tensions surrounding the political climate in Ukraine; God protect the innocent and enact justice for the oppressed ...

For all of those undocumented and struggling to navigate the hurdles of immigration law and policy, God, may you provide wisdom and guidance, while helping us all to realize our unity within your creation and love that know no borders ...

For those of us living through mental crises and the struggles of recognizing our own self worth, help us to see ourselves and one another as you see us, and to find the help and assurances we need to care for our bodies, minds and spiritual well-being ...

For Oceanwood Camp as they navigate a time of creative revisioning ...

For our denomination, The American Baptist Churches, USA, for sister churches across the nation and the world ...

+++ Offer your own prayers for our community, nation, and world here. +++

For the moving of your Spirit in hope and healing throughout our world, praise God, from whom all blessings flow ... And for your enduring presence, justice, and mercy in our brokenness, Lord, in your mercy, hear my prayer....

Hear my prayer, O Lord...as I pray the prayer your son taught us saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Our **church office** is open for our Office Manager, Robin Bevilacqua. We are encouraging limited visits to the church building, and all who visit are required to mask, sign-in, and socially distance. **If you need to speak with Robin, please call ahead if you can.** Office voicemail and email are being checked regularly.

For pastoral care, contact Pastor Daryn by phone, text, or email.

Watch for the next Prayer Resource due mid-March

IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER!

First Sundays

In Our Transition,
We Gather in Reflection, Prayer, and Communion
the First Sunday Evening of Every Month in the Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.

Masks and Social Distancing Required.

+++ **Our Next Service is Sunday, March 6 at 5pm*** +++

*We will share together in the imposition of ashes and begin our Lenten journey together

Other upcoming services at 5pm unless otherwise noted:

April 3rd – First Sunday Worship, A Service of Prayer & Communion

April 10th – Palm Sunday

April 15th – Ecumenical Good Friday (Time TBD)

April 17th – Easter Sunday

Masks and social distancing required

Throughout Lent we will share in the creative offerings of Sanctified Art through a series of shared devotionals, holding one another in spirit, Word, and prayer during this holy season. Blessings to all!



If you did not receive a copy of the devotional booklet for Lent, and would like one, or would like an extra copy, please contact Robin in the church office, churchoffice@fbcneedham.org.

Creative Callings Year 3, Session 1

ADMINISTRATION STEWARDSHIP

& PASTORAL ACCOMPANIMENT *through* TRANSITION

With the congregational vote on Sunday, June 27, 2021, the Administration Ministry is tasked with developing a plan for closing the church. As the Administration Ministry continues to meet to develop a plan to bring before the congregation, **each member of the congregation is also encouraged to do your own good work of prayerfully discerning what community of faith you may wish to visit or consider joining.**

Pastor Daryn is available to offer spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and reflection upon request.



Offering

Your continued financial support of the daily work and ministries of FBC Needham is vital, particularly as we move through this time of transition, and as we prepare to restore the front porch of our historic building. We encourage each member of our community to continue in your regular giving toward the support of our continued ministry throughout our time of transition, and also to consider giving toward the Capital Fund for our front porch restoration. Offerings can be turned in during worship, through the church website online, or via mail. May the act of giving be a spiritual practice that accompanies your daily prayer and worship.

Mail Checks to:

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Online:

Go to <https://www.fbcneedham.org>
Click the **Take Action** link & follow the directions.

Make checks payable to: First Baptist Church in Needham.

Please indicate it is your offering or pledge on the check. If it is an offering toward the capital fund, please indicate that intention on the memo line.