

First Baptist Church in Needham

One in the Spirit: Transition Prayer Resource

March 2022



Transition Edition 11
(for whenever you are so led to pause, reflect, and pray)

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A Note for March –

We celebrate the joyous gathering of the American Baptist Women of Massachusetts on March 12, 2022. FBC Needham hosted the gathering, and Pastor Daryn facilitated a workshop on WHY Poems and the importance of discerning and living into God's calling. It was a beautiful day full of prayer, worship and fellowship. We give thanks for opportunities to celebrate God's love and faithfulness together, and to gather together in person!

Here are some pictures of the 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 Mark and Peggy Hellberg, that Mark is doing well after surgery to donate a kidney. For continued healing and for life-giving goodness through this act of selfless love ...

In celebration of the American Baptist Women's Retreat held and facilitated at First Baptist Church in Needham on March 12, 2022. We give thanks for each woman present and for the meaningful worship, prayer and fellowship that gave life to the day ...

With Louise, for George and family ...

With Bev, for family and friends that check in offer the gift of their presence ...

With Holly, for her son in law, Dr. Greylyn Hyding, on the successful defense of his dissertation ...

With Clif and Anthony who are taking a much needed vacation – may it be restful and restorative ...

With Nancy, who just returned from a Florida vacation – the first real vacation since COVID in 2020! Thanks be to God for times of respite and rejuvenation! ...

With Anne Wile, that Bruce was able to be relocated in Holliston, MA close to his sister and brother-in-law, and within driving distance of Anne and Sherry ...

For those with recent birthdays, for Fayrah, Katie and Souley, God bless you! ...

+++ 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...

For B, a former employee of First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain who was reported missing in CT. God watch over them and grant hope to their loved ones in this time of uncertainty ...

For Cindy Sullivan, whose daughter was in a car accident. Prayers of healing from the trauma of the incident, and peace for Cindy and Jim as they recover from the scare of the event. Prayers of gratitude that no one was injured ...

Prayers for Mark Slaughter as he shepherds his parents through a transition to assisted living, and as he continues to accompany his dad through the recent diagnosis and treatments of lung cancer. God, offer your strength and provision to Mark's family ...

With Clif, whose brother-in-law, Charlie Calusdian, passed away. May his legacy and memory offer joy to those who loved him and serve as an inspiration to live life in kindness to others. Continued prayers for Cliff's sister, Janet, as she grieves the loss of her husband ...

For Bev, as she continues to navigate life without Trevor's presence, and in the loneliness she sometimes feels. God, may she know in your presence in each day, and receive the support and strength she needs in this time ...

For Marty, may she know that she is held in prayer and loved dearly by this community ...

For Trooper Tamar Bucci, who was killed when her cruiser was struck as she offered help to a disabled motorist. May her memory be an inspiration of service and compassion, and grant comfort and peace to her family and colleagues ...

For the family of Barbara Arnold, who passed away in the hospital on February 28, 2022. Barbara was the Wingate roommate of church member, Karen Campanella. She followed all that was happening at FBC Needham, receiving our mailings, and prayed for us through calls of caring. Pastor Daryn would often visit and take communion. Barbara took great joy in the world, in coloring, in the plants in her window at Wingate, and loved singing, and most especially, her family. She appreciated the support of FBC Needham and was an encourager of our ministries and discernment. We celebrate Barbara, and offer thanksgiving for her life. God, grant peace to her family ...

+++ 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 Mark and Peggy Hellberg as Mark recovers from surgery and as they plan their move across country to CO. Also, prayers as they seek a new church home, may they find a place and people that fill their lives with meaning, offer opportunities for service and a deepening connection with Christ, O God ...

For Liz, as she continues to navigate a time of transition with her housing ...

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 Dorothy, Jim and Liz, for Ukraine and all those living in the fear and trauma of violence and war, God we pray for your protection and provision, and for an end to the madness that is the Russian invasion of Ukraine ...

God we pray for the children living through violence and assaults on their innocence in this world ...

For all the refugees and asylees, those fleeing for safety, that they might find solace and a safe and hospitable welcome ...

For the families and loved ones of those whose lives were lost in the Eastern Airlines crash in China. God may they know something of your love and assurance during this time of grief, and feel the outpouring of prayers the world over ...

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-April**

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, April 3 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 (**7pm**)

April 17th – Easter Sunday

May 1st – First Sunday Worship, A Service of Prayer and Communion

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.