

## Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Prayer Guide May 2-8, 2021

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” (James 5: 16, *NIV*)

### **God is immutable.**

God is immutable, or unchangeable, in all of His promises, acts, words, and being, He always is who He is, and He cannot be otherwise.

#### **Sunday, May 2**

Read Malachi 3: 6a. The Lord speaks of being the unchanging God. As followers of Jesus Christ, we should find comfort in these words. There are times in life when we lose sight of this promise. We get caught up in the natural life we are living and miss the comfort of knowing God is divinely leading as we walk His path of righteousness. As the PNC we know all too well of the ups and downs that impact our lives. Pray for the PNC to live into this verse, knowing we are being guided by our unchanging God.

#### **Monday, May 3**

Read Isaiah 14: 24. How often have we heard that God’s thoughts are not our thoughts, and His ways are not our ways? Are we able to live at peace, knowing this to be true? In Isaiah 14: 24 we are instructed by the Lord; His plan and purpose will stand. May our faith in Him, as a congregation, be lived out each day, trusting in the assurance He provides us in His word. To read and to pray, trusting as well as knowing God is at work. Pray that together we would lean into the reality that we are to trust in God’s divine plan for MPC.

#### **Tuesday, May 4**

Read Isaiah 46: 9-10. We are reflecting upon the immutable, unchanging God. Why is it that we are uncomfortable looking to Him in this manner? We might say we do see God this way, but do we? Does our conduct represent what we say we believe? Read these two verses closely, and quietly. Allow the Holy Spirit to penetrate your thoughts and lead you, as he clears your mind from the interference that corrupts us. To see God in His purist sense, as holy. Pray for the PNC to be looking upward prior to acting on anything.

#### **Wednesday, May 5**

Read Exodus 3: 14. “I AM WHO I AM.” When we read this verse within the context of Exodus 3, what comes to mind? Here we see Moses being called into service for the Lord, the great “I AM.” Does God call out His servants today? Think about the call upon Moses, did he know the outcome of what God has called him to? As the PNC, do we know the outcome of what God has called us to? The answer to both questions is no. Does this change anything? Certainly not! The call comes from the One who is the Beginning and the End, the Alpha, and Omega, God eternal. Pray for us to be prayerful, and to act in faith as we fulfill our call.

#### **Thursday, May 6**

Read 1 Samuel 15: 29b: for He is not a man that he should change His mind. As we speak of God being an unchanging God, here is an example of how His divine plan is fulfilled. This verse confirms God’s decision to reject Saul as Israel’s king. (Read v. 26). As the PNC we have spent much time interviewing, listening to sermons, and praying, while waiting. We realize our role as vessels to be used by God to accomplish His will in bringing the next Senior Pastor to MPC. Pray for us not to react as King Saul, but to rest in the assurance of God’s will.

#### **Friday, May 7**

Read Hebrews 13: 8. This week has been spent in the Old Testament. We see many references to God’s immutability within OT scripture. Do not think God is silenced in the New Testament. From before the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ until today we who live in Him know He is the eternal “I AM”. Find confidence in knowing He leads us in all truth, in love. Consider the “I am statements in the gospel of John. John 6: 35; 8: 12; 10: 9, 11, 14; 11: 25; 14: 6; 15: 1, 5.

**Saturday, May 8**

Hebrews 13: 5b - 6. To have confidence in our Lord, knowing He is with us each step along the way. Our lives are lived with His purpose in mind as we fulfill His call. Our faith is in a God of power who provides His church with the ability to pray. Pray for the members of the PNC and their families. Pray for us be in tune with the Holy Spirit as we look to accomplish God's will through the task assigned us. May we decrease in order for Christ to increase as we continue this process. Please pray for our physical, emotional, relational, and yes, spiritual condition. Pray that in all we do we would bring glory to God. Amen