Local Church Prayer Path

As you enter the doors of the church and begin this Prayer Path, may you be receptive to God’s Word and its power in your life!

**Pew or Chair**

Breath prayer - Inhale: Be Still and Know | Exhale: That I am God

* Pray that those who sit in the pews/chairs each week will experience transformation through Christ Jesus.
* Pray for those helping to grow the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
* Pray for the lost in the community that need to know Jesus Christ as their Lord & Savior that they will find a faith community to grow in grace.
* Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill this place and transform the hearts and minds of all who enter.
* Find your favorite hymn/song in the hymnbook or on your phone and meditate on the promises and truths.

**Stained Glass Windows**

* Notice the colors, shapes and structure of the stained glass window. Notice how many scenes there are. What are your impressions as you gaze at them? Open your mind and heart to God. Ask to see what you most need to see. What is the Holy Spirit communicating to you? Be patient in God’s presence.

**Altar**

* Lift up prayers and petitions to the Lord.
* Lift up praise & thanksgiving for your many God-given blessings and the ways God is at work in your life, church and community.
* Pray for those who have come to this altar and given their life to Christ and those who come seeking forgiveness, understanding, reconciliation and peace.

**Platform/Chancel**

* Pray for the musicians, choir, praise team and worship leaders who serve with their gifts of music and invite us each week into worship and surrender.
* Pray for pastors and lay leaders who stand on the platform or in the pulpit and lectern sharing the Good News, sharing testimonies, reading scriptures & offering prayers.

**Church Offices**

* Pray for each staff member by name. (You can leave written prayers or notes of encouragement on sticky notes for them.)
* Pray they will keep their eyes on God and follow His leading and guidance.
* Pray they will walk worthy of their calling.
* Pray they will speak the gospel boldly and with compassion.
* Pray for their families and for balance in life and ministry.

**Fellowship Hall/Social Hall**

* Pray for the ministry embraced in this space for nurture, outreach and witness.
* Pray for meals and fellowship shared around the tables.
* Pray for the church leaders and meetings that provide oversight and stewardship to the vision, mission and ministry of the church.

**Education Building/Sunday School Classrooms - all ages**

* Pray for each of the teachers that prepare to share God’s Word each week and for knowledge and wisdom.
* Pray for all who fill the classrooms to have open hearts and minds to God’s word. May each person not only be hearers of the Word but doers.

**Preschool Ministry Space**

* Pray for the teachers who nurture the children in love and learning.
* Pray for the children and their families.
* Pray for ways the church can walk alongside them to provide care and share Christ.

**The Grounds of the Church (walk around outside)**

* Pray for your community and community leaders.
* Pray for those on the margins,outside of the church walls, who find themselves looking down and looking in to find a place to belong.
* Pray for your church to be a witness in your community and to the world.
* As you walk by the playground, pray for children of all ages and the gift of joy and laughter.
* As you walk through the parking lot, pray that all visitors will feel welcome, loved and at home.

**Cross & Flame (locate a cross & flame)**

* Pray for The United Methodist Church, the upcoming General Conference, the delegates representing the South Georgia Annual Conference.
* Pray for our bishop, Lawson Bryan, and the Conference leaders helping to navigate and follow God’s call for our local churches and Annual Conference.
* Pray John Wesley’s 3 Simple Rules for yourself and for our church: Do Good, Do No Harm & Attend upon all the ordinances of God (Stay in Love with God).
* Pray for the church universal - its leaders, its members, and its mission.
* Pray for the church’s witness to the world.