



THE RIVER
CHURCH COMMUNITY

Holding The River in **PRAYER**

In this season of transition, we urge each River member to adopt a regular rhythm of prayer for our church.

May these prayer themes orient our hearts to the good purposes of God:

UNITY

- **Focus:** That God would knit together our body in love. (Philippians 1:27; Ephesians 4:1-6)
- **Reflection:** What gift of love is God calling you to offer? (to another person or to a particular ministry of the church). How can you encourage a fellow brother, sister or staff member in our community?
- **Specific needs to pray for:** abounding love in a season of stress, the capacity to navigate tension, conflict, and spiritual warfare; more concretely, pray for the formation of transition task forces, two new board members, the provision of a transitional pastor who is right for us, healing and provision for staff who are moving on, and the encouragement and strengthening of our staff team.

PREPARATION

- **Focus:** That God would prepare the soil of our hearts for the seed of the kingdom. (Mark 4:1-9)
- **Reflection:** In your heart or in our community, is there hard ground (unbelief or cynicism) that needs to be broken up? Are there thorns of worry or misguided hope that threaten to choke the word? What will it mean for you to nurture a heart of receptivity to what God has in store for us?
- **Specific needs to pray for:** the clear remembrance of God's goodness and provision in our past; healing and resolution to anything that would hinder fruitfulness in a new season (investigation, lawsuit, relational brokenness).

IMAGINATION

- **Focus:** That God would give us a fresh imagination for the new thing He wants to do in and through The River. (Mark 2:22; Isaiah 43:19)
- **Reflection:** What new expressions of the gospel are you longing to see unfold? What need in our world is The River uniquely designed to meet? What if anything feels confused or unfocused regarding our mission?
- **Specific needs to pray for:** eyes and hearts of faith that are fixed not on what is seen (predictable and plannable), but on what is unseen; wise, courageous conversations that align our energies; the outpouring of the wine of the kingdom.