



# Ash Wednesday Prayer Walk

First Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis  
2021



## Station 1: The Fellowship Hall Doors (Parking Lot entrance)

- A sign requests that worshippers wear masks and social distance.
- Take a moment to pray for those affected by COVID-19 and those working to end the pandemic, including:
  - Those who are currently ill
  - Those who have lost loved ones
  - Health Care Providers – caring for patients and administering vaccines
- Pray for protection over our community, our nation, and our world, including:
  - Essential workers
  - Schools and teachers
  - Our church
- Pray for those leading the response to COVID-19:
  - Scientists working on vaccines or boosters
  - Scientists working on treatments
  - Governments issuing regulations or recommendations
- Pray for an end to COVID-19:
  - That God would provide an end to the pandemic
  - That God's works would be evident and undeniable to the entire world
  - That God would be glorified and His name be praised

## Station 2: The Playground

- Our playground is quiet and we miss the laughter and play of our children.
- Pray for every child and youth in our church, for:
  - Protection and good health
  - Peace in uncertain times
  - Strength to endure the many changes they've seen this year
  - Wisdom to trust God to carry them through anything
  - The love of God to be alive and evident to them

## Station 3: Front of Fellowship Hall (Vance St. entrance)

- We miss gathering as a church family – sharing hugs, meals, and events.
- Pray for all our church members and families, for:
  - Protection and good health
  - Provision of their needs
  - Peace in the midst of uncertainty
  - Wisdom to guide their decisions
  - Love to direct their thoughts, words, and deeds

Station 4: The Courtyard (between Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary)

- The church offices are just behind the glass doors.
- Pray for all the leaders and staff of our church, that they would:
  - Be given wisdom to lead with love and discernment
  - Live worthy of the calling that God has given them
  - Be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to them
  - Be blessed in their work and shine the love of Jesus to all with whom they come into contact

Station 5: The Stop Sign (on the corner of West Ave. and Vance St.)

- A stop sign is just one symbol of laws designed to keep us safe.
- Pray for first responders who are willing to risk their lives for ours, upholding our laws and ensuring our safety, like:
  - Police Officers
  - 911 Dispatchers
  - Firefighters
  - Emergency Medical Responders

Station 6: The Brick Pathway to the Church Sanctuary

- Our country, our city, and our church are on a path of growth and change.
- Take a moment to pray for our country, that:
  - God would give our leaders the wisdom they need
  - Our leaders would seek God's direction in every decision they make
  - God would draw our citizens back to Him and a great revival would sweep our land to His glory
- Take a moment to pray for our city, that:
  - God would grant our leaders wisdom and discernment
  - Our leaders would seek God's will, reflect His love, and give Him glory
  - Our city would experience spiritual awakening to God's truth and love
- Take time to pray for our church, that:
  - God's favor would be upon our members and the work we do for Him
  - God's grace would permeate our lives and spur us to grow in Him
  - God's provision would uphold our church and meet its needs
- Pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee and the candidates they meet, that:
  - God would bring to the PNC's attention the candidate He has chosen just for our church
  - God would give the PNC members discernment, and His Spirit would guide their decisions and discussions
  - God would bless the candidate He has for us, giving that person passion to proclaim His word and a heart after His own to shepherd His church

Station 7: The Front Doors to the Church Sanctuary

- The Sanctuary doors lead to a place we can meet with God, worship Him, and hear His Word.
- Take a moment to pray for those who are taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth, that doors would be open for them to share the love of God, including:
  - Missionaries and Evangelists
  - Healthcare Workers
  - Disaster Response
  - Teachers
  - Musicians

Station 8: Downtown Fountains

- The beautiful fountains flow with clear, clean water.
- Pray **Psalm 51: 1-17**, reflecting on the significance of your sin, the undeserved grace God has showered on you, and the hope He gives you in Jesus Christ:

*1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your unfailing love;  
according to Your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.*

*2 Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.*

*4 Against You, You only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight;  
so You are right in your verdict  
and justified when You judge.*

*5 Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother  
conceived me.*

*6 Yet You desired faithfulness even in  
the womb;  
You taught me wisdom in that secret  
place.*

*7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be  
clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than  
snow.*

*8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones You have crushed rejoice.*

*9 Hide Your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.*

*10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within  
me.*

*11 Do not cast me from Your presence  
or take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

*12 Restore to me the joy of Your  
salvation*

*and grant me a willing spirit, to  
sustain me.*

*13 Then I will teach transgressors Your  
ways,*

*so that sinners will turn back to You.*

*14 Deliver me from the guilt of  
bloodshed, O God,*

*You who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of Your  
righteousness.*

*15 Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will*

*declare Your praise.*

*16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I  
would bring it;*

*You do not take pleasure in burnt  
offerings.*

*17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
You, God, will not despise.*