“I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer”

*~ Martin Luther*

"[The desire is thy prayers; and if thy desire is without ceasing, thy prayer will also be without ceasing. The continuance of your longing is the continuance of your prayer.](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/13005)"

*~ St Augustine*

“Prayer is awe, intimacy, struggle—yet the way to reality. There is nothing more important, or harder, or richer, or more life-altering. There is absolutely nothing so great as prayer…Prayer is the continuation of a conversation that God has started”

*~ Tim Keller*

“Reformed spirituality is a spirituality of the Psalter…praying the psalms, singing and meditating on them, not only at Church, but at family prayers every day of the week”

*~ Hughes Oliphant Old*

**Church Prayer Gathering Wednesday April 3, 2024 6:30-7:30 PM**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 31:19-24)

**Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!**

People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Leader: O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than dwell in the tents of wickedness!

**Prayer**

**Song:** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Bible Teaching** (Psalm 27:4) **Rev. Charlie Phillips**

**Group Prayer Time**

*(Take the liberty to move through these needs as you feel led.)*

***Target Groups***

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.Go therefore and make disciples of all nations… ~ Matthew 28:18-19a

~ Spend time praying for people in your target groups

* For seeds of faith to be planted in our friends and family
* For God to draw lost people to us in our day-to-day lives
* For new connections to under-churched people

***Confession***

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ~ Psalm 51:10-12

~ Spend time confessing sin and acknowledging the need for his mercy and forgiveness

* For not asking for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit
* For not living in the power of the resurrection
* For letting sin fester in our hearts

***Thanksgiving***

***“***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. ~ Psalm 136:1

~ Spend time sharing the many reasons you’re thankful to God (for His grace, love, sustenance, etc).

* Easter Sunday turnout and celebration
* Hope Mann joining our staff
* New Elders and Deacons

~ Feel free to share your personal reasons for thanksgiving.

***Supplication***

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ~ 1 Pet. 5:7

~ Pray for:

* + Chris and Minty Swanson
  + Bill and Kay Gifford
  + Nicole Halter
  + Doug and Diane Magnus
  + Vision of Westminster

~ Feel free to share your needs.

**(7:25) Concluding Corporate Prayer**

**(7:26 PM) Song:**  *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Benediction**

* 04/03 Hot Spot: *Culver’s*

(The next prayer gathering will be **May 1st** at 6:30 pm)