

# SEASON OF † SEEKING



**WEEK 1**  
JANUARY 14-20  
(DAYS 1-7)



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## **THANKSGIVING**

THANK GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS

It is our hope that this weekly prayer guide will be a source of inspiration, unity, and spiritual growth during this time of pastoral transition. As we intentionally set aside time each day to seek God's face, may our hearts be aligned with His will, and may our church continue to thrive and shine as a light in the community.

As we embark on this special journey of prayer and reflection, we begin by lifting our hearts in gratitude. This first week is dedicated to giving thanks for the faithfulness of our Almighty God throughout the history of our beloved church. Each day, we will explore different aspects of our journey, from the founding of LPC to the present ministries that continue to impact lives. Join us in heartfelt thanksgiving, acknowledging the goodness of God in every season.

### **Instructions:**

Take a few moments each day to reflect on the specific theme. Begin your prayer time with gratitude, thanking God for His faithfulness. Use the provided scriptures to guide your reflections. Consider journaling your thoughts and prayers.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 - Founding of LPC and Early Years**

- Reflect on Psalm 118:1 - *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."*
- Consider what the LORD did in our community in 1806 (217 years ago) to establish a community of Presbyterians here in Lebanon, Ohio.
- Thank God for the vision and commitment of the founding members.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 15 - LPC Through the Years**

- Consider Psalm 23:1-3 - *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..."*
- As you explore the list of *"God's faithfulness, Our History"* resource, imagine being a worshipper at the Main Street Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday 1930. How did God bring unity to two churches? How did God grow LPC?
- Express gratitude for God's guidance and provision throughout the years.

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 - History of Pastors**

- Reflect on Hebrews 13:7 - *“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.”*
- Look through the list of Presbyterian pastors called to Lebanon.
- Thank God for the impact of past pastors on the church.

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 - History of Staff and Volunteers**

- Consider 1 Corinthians 12:12 - *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”*
- There have been many LPC support and ministry staff members and volunteers over the years. From church secretaries, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, janitors, preschool/daycare workers. Make a list of all the people you can remember on staff or have served as volunteers. Reach out to someone you know from LPC and compare lists.
- Reflect on the roles and contributions of past and current staff members. Thank God for the workers He has blessed LPC with.

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 - The Rev. Peter Larson**

- Reflect on 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 - *“But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.”*
- Make a list of times when Pastor Peter has ministered to you and your family.
- Thank God for Pastor Peter Larson’s ministry and leadership. Thank God for the faithful preaching of God’s word here at LPC.

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 - LPC Recent History under the Rev. Peter Larson**

- Consider Philippians 1:3 - *“I thank my God every time I remember you.”*
- Using the *“God’s Faithfulness, Our History”* resource, reflect on recent developments and growth.
- In your prayer time: Thank God for His work through Pastor Peter at LPC.

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 - Current Ministries**

- Reflect on 1 Peter 4:10 - *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”*
- We have a number of ministry teams that help organize and implement all the ministries of LPC. Adult Discipleship, Boy/Cub Scouts, Buildings and Grounds, Children’s Ministry, Congregational Life, Family Ministry, Finance, Long Range Planning, Missions, Nominating Committee, Personnel, Preschool and Daycare, Reach Out, Safety and Security, Student Ministries, Worship and Music, Young Adult Ministry. Those team represent countless people serving and hours of ministries occurring. Our church life is full at LPC. Go through each team and make a list of the ministries God is doing through that team. If you have trouble reach out to someone serving on that team and ask about what God is doing.
- In your prayer time: Thank God for the various ministries in the church and the opportunities to serve. Pray that God would continue to work through LPC to build His kingdom.