

LEAD WITH LOVE PRAYER WALK

Floris United Methodist Church



A prayer walk is a meaningful spiritual practice that invites us to seek God's guidance and grace while physically walking through our building. As we enter this Lead with Love season, a time of faithful generosity and financial investment in our church's operating budget, we walk with prayerful hearts, trusting that the Holy Spirit will lead us toward a future built in hope, compassion, and bold witness.

For 130 years, Floris UMC has been a community where Christ's love is practiced, shared, and multiplied. Our history is one of faithful generosity, of people giving so that others might experience God's presence through worship, discipleship, and service. As you walk and pray in these spaces, you are standing in a long legacy of believers who made ministry possible through their gifts, service, and prayer.

This Lead with Love Prayer Walk provides a sacred opportunity to connect with God and lift in prayer the ministries, mission, financial needs, volunteers, staff, and people impacted by the work that happens in these spaces. Through prayer, we hold before God our campaign to fully fund our operating budget, asking that our congregation be moved toward joyful generosity and deep trust in God's abundance.

Prayer walks can be done individually or with a group, and both are encouraged as a regular rhythm in your week. During your walk, you might pray for:

- our community
- our ministries and mission
- our hunger-relief work and those we feed
- our financial leaders and decisions
- the Lead with Love capital initiative
- the fruitfulness and direction of our church
- the generosity of those discerning their level of giving
- and your own openness to the Spirit's leading

You may also simply lift prayers for each person who will enter the spaces you walk through, known and unknown, seen and unseen. There are no limits—this time is about listening to the Holy Spirit and being open to what God might reveal. May we, as disciples of Jesus, walk gently, pray boldly, and lead with love.

Here are a few simple instructions:

1. Prepare your heart: Before starting the prayer walk, take time to breathe deeply, ask God to open your heart and mind to the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. Start walking: As you walk, pray silently or out loud for the area, the people who will be in this space, any needs or issues that might come to you, pray for your colleagues who offer their ministry in that space and pray for God's love to be evident.
3. Listen to the Holy Spirit: As you pray, listen for the Holy Spirit. You may be led to pray for specific people or situations.
4. Finish with thanksgiving: At the end of the walk, thank God for the opportunity to pray and take a moment to be silent as you reflect on your time in prayer.

Colossians 4:2-6

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

The Walk (A suggested path)

In each space, you'll notice a small wall sticker of a dandelion seed. This simple image symbolizes the seeds of generosity carried on the winds of our spiritual practices. As you encounter these seeds during your prayer walk, let them serve as a reminder of the ways our prayers, actions, and intentions can spread far and wide, bearing fruit in ways we may never fully see.

The Kitchen – Pray for all who work here and all who struggle with food insecurity. Give thanks for the meals we get to offer.

The Gathering Space – Pray for those who gather to talk and for those who feel alone even amid others.

Chapel – Pray for all who come seeking the comfort of the Holy Spirit and for our Care Ministry volunteers and staff.

Painting in front of sanctuary doors – Pray for the community outside our doors and for all who enter this space.

Drum Cage – Pray for our modern musicians and staff.

Organ – Pray for our traditional musicians and staff.

AV Booth – Pray for the AV Team and all who lead in worship each week, online and in person.

Nursery doors – Pray for the babies and toddlers, their families, and the staff who care for them.

The Hangar – Pray for our students, their families, our staff, and volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Children's Ministry search and find painting – Pray for our children, their families and the wonderful volunteers and staff.

Preschool Level – Pray for the teachers, staff, and families who are part of our preschool.

Bell Tower Stairwell – Think about the hundreds of people who use the stairs and elevators each week. Pray for them and for all the staff/workers/volunteers who seek to keep the building and grounds clean and welcoming.

Window to the Main Office – Pray for all who seek to create a space of radical hospitality for all.

Buses – Pray for Access Ministries and all the ways we seek to be more than inclusive.

Truck – Pray for Restoration Reston!

Angel Garden – Pray for yourself. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and encourage you in your ministry.

"Pray without ceasing!"