PRAYER GUIDE

For the plan to ask for Dismissal from the PC (USA) to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

Congregational Vote on Sunday June 10th at 12:15 PM

Motion For The Vote – **“Shall First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen request dismissal with property from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians?”**

**Suggested Prayers:**

**Praise God** for providing His Word so we might know The Truth and for pastors who continue to preach the Gospel message each Sunday.

**Thanksgiving For:**

-A right attitude by our church’s **Denominational Relations Team** (Co-Chairs Steve Geiger and Harry Schoepp, Laurie Fitchett, Suzanne Geiger, Diana Linares, Pastor Wildrick and Pastor Del Campo) and the **Presbytery of Elizabeth Resolution Team** (the Presbytery Moderator Rev. Neal Presa, Presbytery Stated Clerk Paul Rack, Chair, Presbytery Committee on Ministry Rev. James Thomas, Elders Ruth Arriaza, Helen Moseley, Claudia Heffner and Karen Castro-Plaza with Presbytery Interim Executive Presbyter Re. Greg Albert.)

-The creation of a new Presbyterian Denomination in “Just right” timing.

-The adoption of a Gracious Separation Policy by the Presbytery of Elizabeth at the “right time”.

-Faithful leadership by our pastors and Church Session.

-The appearance of a unified stance on the part of our congregation.

-A “successful” review of the minutes of our session and our membership records by the presbytery team.

-Acceptance into ECO, pending dismissal from the PC(USA)

**Requests:**

-Unify our congregation in the decision

-Have as many members as are able to participate in the two days of fasting and prayer on June 9th (the day before our vote on June 10th) and June 26th (the day that Presbytery votes on our request for dismissal.)

-Make sure that all active members have an opportunity to vote and that they will know why we are asking for dismissal even though they did not attend the forums prepared by our pastors. Encourage everyone who is able to attend.

-Have the required quorum of 143 when we meet to vote on the question. (It would be even better if we have many more in attendance to show our unanimity in this decision.)

-Give us a gracious heart

-Give the Presbytery a gracious heart

-Lead the Presbytery Committee on Ministry to recommend approval of our dismissal to ECO

-Lead the Board of Trustees of Elizabeth Presbytery to find everything in order for our dismissal

-Complete the application process so that there will be no “open period” for benefits for our employees.