

Winter Weather Event Policy First Presbyterian Church Gulfport

In the event that our area should be placed under a winter weather advisory/warning the following procedure is in effect:

1. The Pastor and Session will determine if Sunday services and Wednesday evening activities are to be cancelled. In the event local school districts are closed, activities and services will be cancelled. Due to the northern proximity of the church and the fact that members must travel over bridges and roads that may be closed, cancellation of services and activities will also be determined by Civil Defense Road Closures and procedures.
2. Pastor will contact the Church Administrator if services are cancelled and the following will take place:
 - a. For the purpose of communicating the service cancellation, the Church Administrator will contact church staff. The church administrative staff will contact radio, TV, and the church via Constant Contact email. The Music director will contact choir members, the youth director will contact the youth and the nursery coordinator will contact the nursery workers and volunteers. The church administrative staff will also change the phone message at the church office to include information about the cancellation of services or activities.
 - b. Church Administrator will contact the Chairman of the Deacons, who will then communicate to the deacons.
3. Church offices will be closed if local school districts are closed and/or when Civil Defense issues a travel advisory due to road closures.
4. In the event winter weather strikes our area, meetings with the Church Administrator and Pastor will take place to determine needs of the congregation and necessary communication to the Diaconate and Session depending on the severity of the weather event. This meeting will occur when roads are reopened and determined to be safe.