

March 22, 2020



# CHPC NEWSLETTER

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## THIS WEEK AT CHPC

### Sunday, March 22

10:30 am Online Worship  
Service-  
chpres.org/live

### Sunday, March 29

10:30 am Online Worship  
Service-  
chpres.org/live

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
8 am to 5 pm

Friday  
8 am to 12 pm

A copy of the letter mailed out to our congregation on Wednesday has been posted on the next page of this newsletter.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

—Philippians 4:6–7

## CHPC and Corona Virus Update

Due to the Corona Virus global pandemic all in-person programs, events, and activities at Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church are cancelled through March 31, 2020. This includes the yard sale, children and youth programs, rehearsals, Wednesday programs, and basketball.

Worship services for March 22 and March 29 will be online only at 10:30 am. You can access and view the service at [www.chpres.org/live](http://www.chpres.org/live). You can visit the church website for up-to-date information regarding activities beyond the end of March. And, if you need assistance please call the church office or email us.

Our church office will remain open, church services will continue online, and we will keep you informed as things progress. Information will be posted on our website- [www.chpres.org](http://www.chpres.org), in our newsletter online, through text, email, and Phonetree. You may see more than one newsletter posted throughout the week, depending on changes in information.

Our prayer is that you stay calm, safe and well. Remember those who have lost those their jobs and face hardships in the future. Pray for those who are sick, and have lost loved ones across the globe.

## Children and Youth Announcements

I pray that you all are managing well during this strange and challenging time. As far as youth and children's announcements for the newsletter:

- \*No youth and children's activities for the remainder of March
- \*A decision on whether to have the Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival, or not, will be made soon
- \*Youth group will be meeting through the "Zoom" app. Announcements for times will be made through the "Remind" app. If you are interested in receiving these announcements, just send an email to Nate!



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March 18, 2020

Dear Friends,

The Corona Virus is now classified as a global pandemic, leading us to alter our daily patterns of life. These changes in our behavior are not just for ourselves, but also for the sake of the neighbor who we are instructed to love. So, I urge you to adopt recommended guidelines for protecting yourself, those close to you, and other people you will encounter.

This is tough for churches. After all, the root word for congregation is “congregate.” However, since we must do our part to help prevent the further spread of this disease, the Session recently made several important decisions regarding church activities in the near future.

First of all, we have cancelled all activities through March 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes worship services on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>. We do plan to offer worship services online. To access these worship services go to the church’s website at [www.chpres.org](http://www.chpres.org) and click on the links each Sunday morning at 10:30AM.

Other cancellations include the Yard Sale, church school classes, youth and children’s programs, and small groups that meet at the church. Non-church groups using the building have cancelled their meetings. Small groups meeting in other locations are free to make their own decisions, but the Session recommends NOT meeting face to face. If a group chooses to conduct virtual meetings via digital devices, we have church members who can help set up those meetings.

The church’s financial needs will continue even during this time. Since ushers will not arrive at your doorstep with an offering plate in hand, we invite you to utilize other options available for giving to the church. These include giving Online through the portal on the church website, setting up an automatic debit from a financial account, or by mail through the U.S. Postal Service. Call the church office if you have questions about using one of these options.

A Task Force was also established to assess this evolving situation and guide our responses as a congregation. A decision about the fast approaching Holy Week and Easter services will be made soon. Updates on the status of these services and other activities will be communicated through multiple formats. The church website is the primary source for this information. You can always call the church.

Please call the church office or reach us through email to let us know of any particular needs you might have with which we can help you.

In life and in death we place our hope and trust in the sovereign God who provides for us, forgives and saves us, and never lets us go. Jesus’ followers are the light of the world (Mt 5:14). May your presence reveal the light of his love to others during this anxious time in the history of this world.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Bradley K. Walker  
Interim Pastor