



Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church

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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 31st. This includes worship services on March 22nd or March 29th. We do plan to offer worship services online. To access these worship services go to the church’s website at 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