



# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 16, 2020

## Updates Concerning COVID-19

Dear Covenant Family,

We trust that you were able to find various, creative ways to worship as a family this past Sunday. Many were able to spend time outdoors and we know many were able to stream services at other churches. Paul's words in Colossians 2:5 are so relevant: though we are apart physically, we are connected in the spirit as the body of Christ.

The Session met Sunday evening (with proper gaps of 6 ft. between us!) to discuss our ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decisions made have been laid out below.

### **Upcoming Service and Meetings**

The church building will be closed, except to staff, until at least Monday, March 30. This includes all services and ministry meetings. We will be recording or streaming a sermon for Sunday, March 22 as well as putting together a worship guide. We will also be sending out our children's church resources to help families worship together.

### **Giving**

As the church continues to function, many expenses are fixed and continue undeterred by the coronavirus. As well, March is a month when we send out quarterly payments to our mission partners. We would encourage you to continue regular giving by either mail (520 Kings Highway South, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034) or dropping off payment in the church mailbox by the office door (mail will be check regularly by staff).

### **Pastoral Care**

As previously stated, the staff, elders, and deacons are all ready to help care for those who have spiritual or physical needs. We will be reaching out regularly during this time via email, social media, and phone in order to offer support, encouragement, and care. If you have specific or immediate needs, please contact the church via the church office (phone: 856-429-1225; email: [info@cpcnj.org](mailto:info@cpcnj.org)).

## **Spiritual Engagement**

Most of us will have a lot of unexpected free time in the next couple of weeks. With activities and meetings canceled, what a great time to further engage in God's word and prayer. We encourage you to be intentional about this slower pace and take time to rest, connect with family, and spend daily time with God.

Look for ongoing updates and communication as we try to keep everyone connected, spiritually engaged, and even with a smile as we continue forward in this unique season.

*“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:35, 37-39)*

Grace and peace,

The Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church