



SAINT ANDREW'S CHAPEL

A Reformed Congregation

May 10, 2020

Dear Saint Andrew's Family,

The Session of Saint Andrew's Chapel met on Tuesday of this week to review the latest information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to formulate our plan to begin to gather for worship in our sanctuary once again. In conjunction with this plan, we also discussed how we can safely accommodate the size of our congregation in a way that takes into consideration the recommended guidelines from our governing officials as well as the health concerns of many of our members.

At this time, the Session has unanimously agreed that on Sunday, May 10, 2020, we will resume gathered worship in our sanctuary at 9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm. In addition, we will continue to make the livestream available for those who are considered vulnerable, are at-risk or have an at-risk family member at home, or perhaps have a heightened concern for their own health during this time. Please take note that we will livestream the 11:00 am service and the 5:00 pm service (the 9:30 am service will not be livestreamed). Again, this livestream option is being made available only during this unique period of heightened concern due to the coronavirus.

We are grateful to the Lord for providing a facility that gives us the ability to maintain a certain degree of physical distance while seated in the sanctuary. In light of the current social distancing guidelines recommended by our governing officials, we will likely have seating in the sanctuary for approximately 300 people. Should we need additional space, the Fellowship Hall will be used as an overflow room for viewing the service. Chairs may also be placed in the narthex or under the covered pavilion as needed.

A few other important things:

- Nursery and Sunday school classes for all ages will not be meeting at this time.
- Some weekday events, such as Bible studies, prayer groups, and conservatory music lessons, may resume meeting at the church facilities beginning Monday, May 4, 2020.
- All groups are encouraged to follow the current guidance from health officials and, if desired, still connect with one another in homes or by other virtual means.
- We are currently reviewing plans for safely distributing the Lord's Supper when scheduled.
- Additional updates regarding future Lord's Day worship services and event rescheduling (including summer events) will be communicated through email as well as through our website.

In order to help us assess the expected attendance for gathered worship services on Sunday, May 10, please consider filling out a short survey linked [here](#).

If you are concerned about your health, you are encouraged to join us through the livestream worship services at 11:00 am or 5:00 pm from your home. If you are unsure if it would be wise for you to worship in person on May 10, and subsequent Sundays, then please consult your doctor or a health care professional. For a list of the health and safety measures that have been in place, as well as additional safeguards that will be in place for the time being, please click [here](#).

The Session is united in our desire to gather together in person, as the body of Christ, to worship our holy and faithful God. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have sought wisdom from above that we might honor the Lord, shepherd and serve His flock faithfully, and together shine as a light in this dark world for God's glory. Let us continue to pray to our sovereign and gracious God for all those who have been significantly affected by the coronavirus. Let us remember to pray for our governing authorities and agencies, first responders, and the entire medical community throughout our nation and around the world.

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