

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

The global outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is on the minds of individuals and organizations everywhere. We've been closely tracking the news of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) both locally and globally. As you're likely aware, there are numerous confirmed cases around the country, and now it has an impact in Virginia. While we know this virus is primarily spread through close contact and respiratory droplets, we want to take precautionary measures to create a safe and healthy environment for us all to gather and worship.

2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us that *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* It is so important to respond to the fear with faith. I ask that you continue to be in prayer for the health and safety of one another. Regardless of what maybe surrounding us, we know who keeps and protects us.

Considering the Coronavirus, we are taking several precautionary measures to ensure that we protect you and where we worship. Listed below are some changes that we are addressing:

- Baptism and Communion Service
- Receive The Offering
- Altar Call and Fellowship Period
- Sanitizing The Entire Campus

BAPTISM AND COMMUNION SERVICE

When there are candidates for Baptism, we will follow our normal process with the candidates. However, we will continue to take every precaution to make baptism a safe experience to include the sanitizing our baptistry regularly.

During our Communion Service, we will not pass the trays when we observe the Lord's Supper. The Diaconate Ministry will serve those in the pews that are unable to walk around, and all others will walk around to the Communion table will be served. After Communion is served, the Doorkeepers and will have receptacles that all trash can be placed in.

OFFERING

For services when we worship together, we will ask persons, that are able, to walk around to give their offering. If you have not signed up for the on-line application, GIVELIFY, to give your tithe and offering online, we encourage you to take advantage of this convenient and safe application to sow into the ministry.

ALTAR CALL AND FELLOWSHIP PERIOD

In a time like this, altar call and fellowship with one another is just what's needed to keep everyone on stable grounds. However, we know that the Coronavirus has halted many ways that we interact with one another. However, until the Coronavirus settles, we will limit movement during the worship service but still have opportunities to lift our prayers for an altar call moment and fellowship period.

SANITIZING THE ENTIRE CAMPUS

To ensure the safety of our entire campus, we will continue to sanitize all areas. This will include those areas that are commonly touched and shared such as microphones, handrails, pews, etc. The safety and well-being of the those that enter the doors of the church are our main concern.

We encourage you to take some time to understand proper prevention measures to avoid spreading the Coronavirus by reading through the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>. Here are some of the basic measures listed on the website:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty.
- If you find that you are not feeling well, to protect yourself and others around you, I ask that you please stay home.

Be prayerful for our world and community, specifically for those who are directly impacted by this virus.

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