

March 13, 2020

To the beloved people of PDCPC-

Due to increasing developments regarding the coronavirus Covid-19 of which we are all aware, including guidance provided by National, California and local health service agencies, we are taking specific steps to minimize the risk of transmitting and contracting the virus at PDCPC, of which many of our congregants are in the Covid-19 “high risk group”; these include the elderly and especially those with pulmonary and related medical issues: heart, pulmonary and compromised immune systems. California Department of Public Health guidance for the rest of March just issued specifies that:

- a. Gatherings of 250 people or more should be postponed.
- b. Smaller gatherings should allow social distancing of six feet per person or be postponed.
- c. Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness as noted above should be limited to no more than 10 people.

Out of an abundance of caution and concern for the health and well-being of members and friends of our church, and on review with Pastor David and with Trustees, we will be moving our 2 regular Sunday Services to be **online only** for 3 weeks beginning this coming Sunday, March 15 and the following two Sundays, March 22 and March 29. For each of these Sundays, Pastor David will be “preaching from the pulpit” on our livestream broadcast for both services; 8:30 am and 10:00 am. Congregants with internet can access the livestream at <http://www.pdpresby.org/livestream/>. Additionally, any group meetings and gatherings held at the church are postponed, unless otherwise communicated by the leader of that ministry. This includes Wednesday night programming, Roots student ministry, and Sprouts children’s ministry, among others. Special on-line and in-home content will be coming for these areas, stay tuned as we work to figure out the logistics!

The next few weeks will be illuminating regarding the path of this particular coronavirus. We will continue to monitor the situation including reassessing where we stand at the end of March. We will let you know if there are any changes to this plan including when we may be able to initiate actual Sunday Services once more. If you have any questions or concerns, please free to call the Church (760-346-8195) during regular business hours, or email kathya@pdpresby.org. You can also check status on our website www.pdpresby.org.

For more information on the Covid-19 virus in general, please do not rely on unverified internet searches.

The following websites should be reliable sources of current information:

World Health Organization (WHO)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Center for Disease Control (CDC):

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

Please continue to follow common sense measures we are all familiar with:

- Refrain from hugging and handshaking.
- Greet others with speech rather than contact.
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice social distancing, avoiding crowds and larger gatherings
- Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue (or elbow); discard tissue in trash.
- Assess your vulnerability; if sick or concerned, stay home.
- Drink plenty of water; get plenty of rest; eat well.
- Monitor your temperature; fever is the most-commonly reported first symptom

We want you to know that even though we are not able to meet all together during this season, we are still here for you and want to remain connected with you. Please feel free to reach out and let us know how you are doing, if you have a prayer request, need a meal delivered, or any other way we can support you.

Finally, we pray that we would all be wise, but not afraid. That we would have peace as we trust in Christ through this unprecedented time in our history.

You are not alone, and you are loved very much.

Sincerely,
The PDCPC Leadership