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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Session would like to update everyone regarding the church's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In recent weeks, case volumes in middle Tennessee have begun to climb precipitously. The number of patients admitted to St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital with COVID-19 has gone up 5 fold in recent weeks. COVID-19 patients now comprise about a third of the total hospital census and two thirds of the ICU census. The ICU and hospital are running at full capacity, and they have had to borrow extra ventilators from other hospitals in Nashville. This is indeed a serious situation.

Please pray earnestly that God will bring healing for this pandemic. Pray for our community, including the patients and medical professionals affected by the virus, and the businesses affected by social distancing measures. Please pray that God will bring new treatments and preventative therapies to offer ways to control this disease as soon as possible.

Thank you for your efforts in helping us do our best as a congregation to maintain social distancing. Thank you for wearing masks. At this time, we will continue to strongly encourage the wearing of masks while inside the building at Trinity. Most of all, thank you for striving to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel as you seek to love and serve the other more than yourself. We belong to a God, who in Christ, and out of loving compassion, laid aside all for our good. He who was rich became poor for our sakes. He put on our flesh. He lived the life we failed to live, never demanding his rights or comfort, and above all, he died the death we deserved that we might share in his life. During this painful and confusing time, may he continue to pour out his grace on us that we might show his grace to one another and to all. May he grant us Christ-centered and cross-shaped unity in our life together as his Body in Murfreesboro. For the near future, we plan to continue socially distanced worship with maximized wearing of masks for our two Lord's Day services and any other seasonal services. We will also continue our online services for people in our congregation who are unable to attend due to medical risks and/or acute illnesses. Please pray that our members attending online will remain connected and very loved, as we all miss the opportunity to gather together and long for the day when we will again.

Lastly, during this season, we will stick with our regularly scheduled Advent services – the upcoming Lessons and Carols Service (Dec. 13th @ 6pm) and our Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24th @ 6pm). We ask that you RSVP for these services so we can make sure we enough room for everyone in a single service. This is especially important for Christmas Eve, which is traditionally a larger service.

- Lessons and Carols Service, please RSVP by December 11th by clicking the link [here](#).
- Christmas Eve Service, please RSVP by December 17th by clicking the link [here](#).

With much love in Christ,
Brandon (on behalf of the Session)