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PRESBYTERIAN (PCA)

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the love of the Lord. You may have noticed the increased number of chairs yesterday in the sanctuary. This is part of the ongoing evolution of how our church deals with COVID and the ever changing regulations and recommendations. Please continue to bear with us in love as we strive to serve the needs of the *whole* congregation well as we navigate through these decisions.

The virus continues to be present in our community and country (indeed, hospitalization numbers for COVID are increasing at St. Thomas Rutherford) and the medical community expects a continued rise as we enter the colder season. The session therefore is taking a measured response with any changes as we do not wish to add to the problem unnecessarily. We know that some may feel this is too slow of a change back to “normalcy”. Others may feel it is too fast. We encourage all of us to love our church family well, even if we may disagree on what should be done in this situation.

1. The current set up of two services (9AM and 1045) will be the same. Social distancing guidelines are still encouraged to try and help prevent the transmission of the virus. We are adding as more chairs to the sanctuary to maximize seating while keeping spacing present. The second service will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook for those who are not able to attend due to health concerns. However, if you are able to attend, we strongly encourage you to participate in person in the life of the church family.

2. We continue to encourage wearing a mask which is to help decrease the chance of a person spreading the virus to another person. Disposable masks are available in the lobby if needed.

3. Nursery will continue to be offered at the 9AM service for now. Children are always welcome in the church service.

4. There are no plans for Sunday School to resume in person for now due to social distancing guidelines as well as simple logistics on Sunday morning. We continue to re-evaluate this, and alternatives, as we think this is an important tool in the life of the church body.

Our society continues to adjust and adapt to this virus and the fallout from it. We all certainly long for the day when we will be back to “normal”. However, God’s plan may be for us to not get back to “normal” and so be patient and continue to rejoice even in these times.

For the Session,
In love,

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