

Good afternoon, Church,

It seems things are changing minute by minute with regard to the coronavirus. We are deeply concerned about keeping all of us as safe and healthy as possible, and we appreciate our congregation's good leadership, each of the thoughtful and clarifying conversations, and your flexibility and grace as we discern the best path forward.

In an effort to maintain the recommended social distance, **we have decided to cancel our gatherings for Sunday morning worship through the end of the month.**

Our current plan is to suspend gathering together in the sanctuary for worship until Palm Sunday, April 5, but what is becoming crystal clear in this uncertain moment is that plans must be dynamic and responsive in order to keep up with the pain and the possibility of each new development.

Communication

Today, we are launching www.npcovenant.org/urgent-info. It is a new page on our website that will be the central place to see what the current state of things looks like. We will keep that updated with all the latest information about how we are responding as a community so you can stay in the church loop and keep walking forward together as part of this church family.

Live-Streaming Worship this Week

Recognizing that we will not be able to gather in person for these next few weeks, there has been some intense effort to make digital forms of worship and community available to keep us connected and encouraged moving forward.

The most exciting development is that we will be able to live stream worship via Facebook Live beginning tomorrow, March 15, and continuing until we are again able to gather together in person. Head over to www.facebook.com/npcovenant this Sunday morning at 10:30 am and join Libby, Jeff, and Brian as we gather digitally to worship together. The service will be encouraging, inclusive of all ages gathered around the computer, and undeniably different.

Moving Forward

Please know that the staff will continue to work the most regular schedule we can as we prioritize helping our church family respond to this crisis with wisdom and compassion. Feel free to call, text, or email either of us or Ann-Marie should you have a question, concern, need, or idea.

We are especially concerned about those most vulnerable in our community, and that is deeply evident in the ongoing NPCC conversations. If you have a need or see a need, speak up. If you have an idea, let's get to work on it. We will work to meet all of the needs as best we can. Continue in prayer to our good and gracious God. Continue to care for one another. Stay well.

With much love –
Libby and Jeff