

Dear Gloria Dei Church Community,

We wanted to reach out to you about the Covid-19 virus and our response as a congregation. Obviously, our primary concern is the health and welfare of our community and those we serve.

Out of an abundance of caution and following the advice of Governor Wolfe, we will hold **worship services ONLINE only** at 10:00 a.m. on the next two Sundays, March 15 and 22. We will send out instructions for how to join us in the next day.

In addition, we have **cancelled all church activities** – including worship services, support group meetings, small group ministries, Community Meals, and Growing in Grace Series – **and outside group meetings through March 27**. We will reevaluate at that time. We are monitoring the advice of experts on an ongoing basis. We want to keep everyone safe.

We will update our website and Facebook page regularly and will send out emails as we have new information.

We encourage you to take care of yourselves during the next two weeks and beyond. If you have a compromised immune system, an underlying health condition, or are in one of the high-risk categories, please take precautions to avoid crowds or group events.

Key precaution strategies for all of us during this time:

- Wash your hands thoroughly – often and rigorously.
- Do not touch your face with unwashed hands.
- If you have a fever or feel ill do not attend group events.
- If you are out somewhere, maintain a 3-6 foot distance from others.

Our church staff will be working remotely as much as possible, but we will be monitoring our mail and emails. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Karyn on her cell phone – 704.796.5073.

Obviously, our monthly expenses will continue and we ask that you continue to give as you are able either by check, text (215-234-1635), or online at gloriadei.com under Online Giving. This is just a reality of our situation right now.

We will continue to pray for everyone impacted by this virus and will be proactive in our response. We are people of God and will rely on our faith during this time. God is with us even in these tough times.

Grace and Peace –

Pastor Karyn and the Council Executive Team