



Updated March 20, 2020

Dear friends,

We continue to discern and practice the best ways to be good neighbors to one another and the body of Christ in the world as we adjust to the realities of the Covid 19 pandemic. As people of faith, we care deeply for the whole person and the beloved community of God, and so we must do all we can to see to the well being of one another and protect people in our community who are most vulnerable.

Please see the updates below regarding our life together:

Worship on Sunday will be remote only for at least the next three Sundays (March 22, 29, and April 5). Join in worship from your home at 11:00 am each Sunday via radio broadcast on KSPI AM780/94.3FM or online at [www.stillwaterfpc.org/listenlive](http://www.stillwaterfpc.org/listenlive) and follow the link. The early service at 8:30 am is cancelled for at least the next three Sundays. If you miss the live broadcast/livestream, you will be able to listen to previous services or just the sermon anytime, day or night, at [www.stillwaterfpc.org/sermon](http://www.stillwaterfpc.org/sermon).

Sunday School classes will not meet for at least the next three Sundays. Families with children and youth will be receiving resources via email for faith formation at home. If you would like to receive these email updates, please email Director of Children and Youth Ministries Jenna Campbell at [jenna.campbell@stillwaterfpc.org](mailto:jenna.campbell@stillwaterfpc.org). An invitation to online Sunday School classes are included in this week's First Things @ FPC weekly email or [click here](#).

The Church Office will be open regular hours during the week. We are available for pastoral care and church business and concerns; however, **we urge you to call the church office at 405-372-5580 or [email us](#) instead of visiting us in person.** As strange as it feels not to see one another face to face, we are all doing our best to maintain social distancing to minimize everyone's risk of contracting or passing on coronavirus.

Small Groups that meet in our FPC facilities are encouraged to cancel their in-person meetings until we receive different instructions from the CDC. If you must meet, we urge these groups to practice social distancing and diligent hygiene precautions. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html> for more information. If your group cancels its in-person meeting, please contact the church office. We encourage committees and other gatherings to consider virtual (online or phone) meetings with one another to stay connected and supported.

Midweek Prayer and Thursday Bible Study will be held via Zoom for at least the next three weeks. See the First Things @ FPC weekly email for instructions, or [click here to join Midweek Prayer or Thursday Bible study](#) at their regular times. Midweek Prayer meets Wednesdays at 12:10 pm and Thursday Bible study meets every Thursday at 10:00 am.

Prayerfully consider the ways that you can connect with and support one another, especially people who are more vulnerable, during this time. It may be helpful to think of this time apart as Sabbath time:

answering anxiety with prayer and faithful action. May we continue to glorify God in all things and be loving neighbors to one another in creative, life-sustaining, and responsible ways.

If you feel at all ill, please stay home, and let us know how we can be of support. If you think you have Covid 19, call your health care provider or call the Oklahoma Health Department COVID-19 Call Center: 877-215-8336.

Celebrate God's presence in the beauty of this day, be wise in prevention, and diligent in prayer. Have courage. Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May Christ's love and peace abound,

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