



March 12, 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

We write to you today, as your Sr. Warden and your Rector. Together we have been praying mightily, speaking with clergy colleagues, and reading news from health professionals and our diocesan leaders in order to discern how best to respond to this pandemic, especially as it relates to the most vulnerable in our church community.

This article confirmed that the sooner we all implement measures to help reduce the potential for virus spread the better: <https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/11/flattening-curve-coronavirus/>

With this in mind, and with deep love for each of you, **we are suspending all in-person worship services and other church gatherings beginning today (March 12), until further notice.** This decision may seem drastic, but we believe it is the prudent precaution for the health of our worshipping community, as well as one way Trinity can help prevent the continued spreading of COVID-19 in the wider community.

We remain, as always, the Body of Christ, in community with one another in love and prayer. Please know that your staff, clergy, and lay leaders will respond in creative ways as we all navigate these unsettling circumstances. We are prioritizing ways to strengthen our bonds of love and fellowship, and encourage each of you to do the same. Here are some of the ways we can connect:

- **Worship from Home:** Morning Prayer will be offered on Sundays at 10:00 am VIRTUALLY. Do not come to the church building, but access Morning Prayer through Trinity's Facebook page (you do not need a Facebook account to access this).
- Please **"Pass the Peace"** with those you usually sit with in church by calling them on the phone, emailing or texting. Or call someone you haven't seen recently to say hello. The Peace which passes all understanding is our love for one another in Christ. Share it!
- If you do become ill, please let Rev. Nancy know specifically and confidentially. We want to support you as a vital member of the Body of Christ and pray for you.

While our staff is working from home, we are working! Please call the Church Office 978-369-3715 and leave a message on Ext. 12 for Rev. Nancy. We will be in close touch as we know more.

Please keep praying and reach out to either of us at any time.

With all blessings and love,

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