

COVID-19 SURVEY AND UPDATE

July 26, 2020

Dear Families:

Our Session met last week and made decisions about church activities for the next couple of months.

While we all are eager to worship together again, we will continue to be livestream only for several more weeks. Please know that much work is going in in preparation -- pews are being marked for safe seating, every room evaluated for safe maximum occupancy, and more. Our leadership will continue to closely monitor the situation and will adapt when able.

It will help us to know what you are thinking and feeling as we move forward. We have put together a survey with a few key questions. Please take a moment to [fill it out](#). If you can do so by August 7, that will be very helpful.

Know that you are all remain in our prayers, as we are grateful to remain in yours.

Rev. Neil Dunnavant

DECISIONS FROM JULY SESSION MEETING

As we continue to live through this pandemic, the Session has affirmed several recommendations from our COVID-19 Task Force. Here is where we are:

WORSHIP: We will stay with livestream-only worship until at least early October, with possibilities for worship before then if things change for the better. Session discussed this at length, and the task force members have been weighing it for many weeks. We all miss each other and miss worshipping together very much. If the situation changes and we can safely worship together sooner, we will.

FUNERALS: While outdoor funerals are encouraged when possible, because of the heat wave and common thunderstorms funerals may be held in the chapel or sanctuary with a maximum of 25 people.

SMALL GROUPS: Small outdoor gatherings of 25 or less -- with physical distance and masks -- are encouraged to enhance fellowship, learning, spiritual growth, and community.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL: The preschool will open under strict state guidelines, with significant program adjustments, in early September.

STAFF: Staff are encouraged to continue to work at home and only enter campus briefly for essential purposes.