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## CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. JONATHAN C. WATSON, PASTOR

October 23, 2020

Dear Friends,

We want to give you an update on the status of our returning to indoor worship/activities. The Session met Tuesday, October 21, and voted unanimously not to return to indoor worship/activities and to continue with the outdoor worship gathering (weather permitting) and the virtual worship service on YouTube through the end of 2020. This decision was made prayerfully and out of an abundance of caution. We know this might be disappointing to some. It is certainly not ideal, but it is the safest solution given the uncertainty we face. The Church has a calling to care for one another and the community, and we need to lead by example during these challenging times. We cannot do this if we unnecessarily risk the health of our members and community. COVID cases are on the rise again, and while we continue to pray for better news, we do not see improvements happening for the remainder of the year. Additionally, we thoroughly evaluated what it would take to return to indoor worship/activities and Cape Fear Presbyterian Church simply does not have the financial or personnel resources to ensure proper and ongoing disinfection of the sanctuary and related facilities.

Pastor Jonathan, along with Pam Myhill and others, continue to create meaningful worship opportunities for us to take advantage of. If you've not yet attended one of the lovely outdoor worship gatherings, we'd love to see you. In the meantime, please keep Cape Fear Presbyterian Church in your prayers, as we continually pray for your health and wellbeing.

Yours in Christ,  
The Session of Cape Fear Presbyterian Church,

Jimmy Brigman  
Brenda Brown  
Pam Cameron

Carolyn Dunnivant  
Susan Dykes  
Jennifer Gentry  
Regina Hawse

Lynn Taylor  
Mary Ann Moore  
Denise Angevine