



May 21, 2020

Friends,

As your congregational leaders, called by God and elected by you, we want you to know that your health and spiritual well-being are our top priorities. We realize that you are eager to return to in-person worship, not only to praise God in a familiar, communal setting, but also to interact and fellowship with your friends. It is our responsibility to ensure that when we resume in-person worship our facility meets certain health and sanitary standards. It is vital that we do worship in a way that is safe and will not compromise anyone's health. We are mindful of our Christian call to make the interests of others our priority (Philippians 2.4).

At our May Session meeting, held Tuesday via Zoom, Jonathan facilitated our wide-ranging conversation about when we might return to having in-person worship, and more importantly, *how* to do it safely. We've got a number of specific ideas and plans for addressing these goals, many of which we will begin to put into place now in anticipation of resuming worship at church. However, we believe that the time is not yet right for us to worship together. Without a doubt, there will be many changes to how we worship. But by waiting a little while longer, we hope that worshipping together in our sanctuary will be less risky. Therefore, we voted to remain closed at least through the month of June and maintain our current online worship format for the time being. The Session will meet again on June 16<sup>th</sup> and reassess the various factors involved.

We appreciate your patience and encourage you to continue viewing the church's weekly worship videos on YouTube. We also remind you to do your best to maintain your financial giving. You can mail a check to the church, or donate online at our website: [www.capefearpres.org](http://www.capefearpres.org).

Blessings,

The Session of Cape Fear Presbyterian Church