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## CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. JONATHAN C. WATSON, PASTOR

*“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Mark 12:31 (NRSV)

Friends,

We hope you continue to be well. We wanted to touch base and provide you with a status update on our discussions surrounding in-person worship.

The Session met virtually on June 30<sup>th</sup> and the focus of much of our conversation remains the return to in-person worship. We are especially concerned over the surge in cases in our state and community. We discussed what some other local churches are doing—noting that the vast majority of them have not re-opened. We also considered the latest recommendations from the Governor’s office as well as reviewed the most recent advice from the Executive Committee of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. With the overarching belief that the wellbeing of our congregation takes top priority, the Session is in agreement with the recommendations from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Therefore, we voted to continue our suspension of in-person worship at least through the month of July and maintain our current online worship format. We will meet again on July 28<sup>th</sup> to reassess the various factors involved.

The Session thanks Jonathan for the wonderful YouTube worship services and his inspiring messages. We appreciate all the work that goes into putting a virtual service together, helping to connect us while we’re separate. We also want to thank Pam Myhill for the beautiful music she provides along with the various guest musicians. And thanks to everyone who has served as a liturgist.

We appreciate your patience and encourage you to continue watching the church’s weekly worship videos. 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.

Blessings,

The Session of Cape Fear Presbyterian Church