

PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH · EST. 1767

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Dear Members, Friends and Visitors,

COVID 19, the Coronavirus, is wreaking havoc throughout the world. Charlotte has not been exempted and this affects all of us. Though at this time no one of our members has contracted the virus, several citizens in our Queen city have been diagnosed with it.

The Governor has pleaded with groups and organization to curtail group gatherings of over 100 people, and since a goodly number of our membership are in the high risk age group we will be canceling worship services on this Sunday, March 15th.

The Session made this decision out of a sense of social responsibility and compassion. We certainly would not wish to be the unintended conduit for further contamination. Late in the week we will appraise the situation and decide whether or not it is advisable to hold worship on March 22nd. Smaller group gatherings, meetings, Bible studies and such will continue as scheduled, unless leaders and/or participants decide to cancel or postpone them. Outside groups using the Providence church facility will make their own decisions about whether or not to hold meetings. The Preschool generally follows the CMS calendar and will open or close accordingly, or as the Preschool Director dictates.

Rob and Tricia in the Church Office have made some excellent suggestions and helped to video an abbreviated worship service which includes Lal's sermon. This will be viewable Sunday Morning at here: <https://bit.ly/2Qd9CZo> and a link to the video will be emailed to everyone. You can watch this at any time you choose.

Should you be unable to get out, run errands, get to the grocery store or pharmacy and need some assistance in matters such as these, please call the church office. We have a number of folks who've volunteered to be of assistance as needed.

Our inconvenience is minor compared to the many who are suffering in myriad ways from the Coronavirus. Let us keep praying for one another and for all affected by this and for those working tirelessly for a cure.

Grateful thanks for your understanding, patience, and continued prayer,



Walt McCanless,
Lal Rodawla and the Session of Providence Presbyterian Church