

To the Saints of the Honey Brook Presbyterian Church and our surrounding community,

I wanted to reach out to share some of the steps we are taking to keep you and your family safe while participating in worship, fellowship and other church activities.

Like you, we continue to actively monitor developments related to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, and we are heeding the guidance of local health authorities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)).

Our existing cleaning procedures includes sanitizing high-touch areas including door handles. We will increase the frequency. Our Sexton will also sanitize the sanctuary before the Sunday worship service.

More gloves will be purchased for the kitchen and we ask all kitchen volunteers to use gloves while preparing and serving food.

The Lenten and Easter Seasons bring additional Communion services. As followers of Christ, one of the most important things we do is celebrate the Lord's Supper. To assure safety we will not be using Intinction for any Communion services during this crisis. We will provide Communion elements that are either prepacked or handled with limited human contact (using gloves and utensils).

We respect your decision regarding handshakes, hugs, etc. You may greet each other in any way you find comfortable.

Local nursing homes are severely limiting visitation. I will ask the Deacons and Elders to assist in keeping contact with our members confined to nursing homes.

We currently live in a situation that is serious, and we want to take all possible actions to reduce risks. Yet we also live in a situation that is filled with fear and anxiety. All decisions made will be made using the most up to date information and recommendations from the local health departments and Presbytery rather than fear.

As we move forward, I am looking at the possibility of video recording the sermon and putting it on a medium such as YouTube so anyone unable to attend worship can still receive the proclamation of the Gospel.

Brothers and sisters, all throughout the bible are the words "fear not." Jesus said, "do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." We believe in a God who is great, a God who heals, a God who redeems and a God who loves us. Let us move forward keeping that in mind.

In Christ,
Pastor Bill