

Treasuring Christ Church, Raleigh NC
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Dear church,

Right now God is with you. He is working in you. He is working through you. He is on the move in your home, in our city, our nation and around the globe that people would gaze at his beauty and bow to his glory in awe-struck, love and worship. Today I pray you stop long enough to receive the love of God for you. To share with him your joys and pains. And to consider how to give his love to another- in your home, in the church, in your neighborhood, or beyond. I bring this view of the glory of our God and his invitation to abide with him because that's what will get us through this season of sickness and uncertainty with greater strength and peace, more hope, more unity, and abounding in more and more love. It's no accident that all this is happening in the Lent season when we are "refraining" and "replacing" for the sake of knowing Christ, loving his death and resurrection in our place and longing for his sure triumphant return. Oh Church get ready for the movement of God in us as a people.

I am writing to update you on some plans moving forward. I will seek to be succinct and clear but if you have any questions or ideas, please let the pastors or staff know.

Corporate Worship

Treasuring Christ Together

For the foreseeable future we will not be able to gather together. The restrictions are getting tighter and tighter as the hours go by, the public schools are giving windows like 8-20 weeks of not meeting and the president and the governor are [making recommendations and laws](#). Therefore, for the sake of LOVE, we will abide by those and we will need to make plans for this "new normal" of "being church" that is "being and making disciples who treasure Christ, love the church, love the city and love the world."

*****We strongly recommend that you view the sermons each week as they will provide a common experience in the word that can serve as a foundation for caring for one another and others throughout the week.**

So each week we will provide:

- Sermon. We will provide a sermon either recorded or via live stream as we work through some different options.
- Songs. We will also provide some links to some songs that we regularly do at TCC.
- Stories and Prayer. We will also be considering how we get testimonies and fostering times of online prayer together

We will take a break from 1 Peter for now to focus on a sermon series entitled:

Finding Peace: The Battle Against Anxiety

This week will begin with:

- Prayer: the essential weapon against fear. Philippians 4:6-7

Future weeks:

- Facing the Fear of Not Being Safe and Finding Peace

- Facing the Fear of the Future and Finding Peace
- Facing the Fear of Loneliness and Finding Peace
- Facing the Fear of Approval and Finding Peace

Community Groups

Loving the Church

Community Groups are going to be the front line of caring for one another and stirring each other toward mission. (If you are not in a community group, you might want to reach out to Travis or to an existing group that is able to take new people, so you can be a part of caring and being cared for.)

As members of TCC we encourage you to:

- ***Pray and Encourage:*** Regularly text, pray or encourage those in your group or others the Spirit brings to mind
- ***Need help:*** Be open about needs you are facing
- ***Give help:*** Be open about your availability to care for those in need.
- ***Be creative:*** Through conversations with neighbors, church members, general life experiences or through times of prayer, creatively think of ways we can show the love of Jesus to others in this season. Share it with your group or with the staff or both.

As pastors we will seek to:

- Provide materials and directions for community group leaders that will coordinate with our sermon series on peace in anxiety.
- Provide resources and direction to group leaders for doing group online (for those not doing it already)
- Gather information (doing it this week) on needs in our church through community groups. Each group will seek to meet one another's needs unless it exceeds what the group can do and then group leaders will communicate that to Pastor Travis, who leads our community groups and we will coordinate best strategies for care.
- Meet with community group leaders online for equipping, discussion, and prayer.

Prayer

God make us a house of prayer for all peoples

URGENT Missions prayer:

CONTENT REMOVED FOR SAFETY REASONS

Communication

Our Sunday gathering used to be our most effective means of communication. Now that changes.

We will seek to communicate with you through:

- Sermon video or live stream
- Website
- Friday email

- Email from pastors
- Facebook
- Community Groups Gatherings

We will be communicating:

- Updates on gatherings
- Stories of care and mission
- Needs in the church or city
- Ways to continue our growth in God.
- Other Announcements

Giving

Here is an encouragement from Pastor Hunter on giving.

Dear TCC,

I pray you are doing well in this season of social distancing. We are praying for wisdom and that God will use this situation to advance the Gospel. It is uncertain when we will have service together again. I wanted to send a quick note to remind you that you can still keep up your giving routine through online bill pay or using PushPay on the TCC app.

- Bill Pay - Set up TCC as a payee on your bank account. Send the payment to 554 E. Hargett St. Raleigh, NC 27601
- PushPay - Login to the TCC app, select Give and then follow the steps to complete. As a reminder PushPay does take a 2-3% cut of each gift.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your faithfulness.

We will also make it known if there are other ways to give and support immediate needs in our church or city.

We are so thankful for you all and we anticipate God doing great things in our lives, our homes, our church and beyond during this season of quarantine

Grace to you all.