



March 17, 2020

The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 4:5-7

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We wanted to take this opportunity to offer the latest plans and updates for St. Paul's weekly worship services, staff availability and building usage.

In consultation with the bishop of our diocese, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas, and keeping in mind the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, Gov. Northam, and the VA Department of Health, we have made the hard but reasonable decision to have one service on Sunday morning, at 10:30, via live stream video. We will send the instructions to view the service in a separate email in a few days, along with a service bulletin, to enable your participation in worship in the safety and convenience of your home. The service will be officiated by your clergy and will involve a couple of musicians. We will suspend all other services and programs, including Wednesday Evening prayer and Lenten programs, until further notice.

We have informed all staff that they may work remotely from home. We are technologically equipped for this. The best way to reach any of us is by email, or call the office and leave a message. We will check all voice mails remotely twice daily.

We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate need-to-know information to you by email and on our website. In the meantime, please pray for all who struggle with illness and loss. It is our Christian responsibility and privilege to do so. You are all in our prayers as we travel through the uncertainty of this health crisis and we ask that you pray for each other and us, as well as we continue to be Christ's body to the world around us.

In Christ,
Diane+, Todd+ Bill+