

# Our Adaptations the Coronavirus

*Rejoice always,  
pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances.  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*-1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Dear Friends in Christ:

On February 25, World Health Organization officials advised hospitals, schools, churches, and other public facilities to begin preparing for the anticipated spread of the coronavirus in the United States. Since that date, your pastor, together with elders from the congregation, have spent several hours making plans for the Covenant community.

At our Session meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020, the Session appointed an Administrative Commission under G-3.0109 of our Book of Order to make decisions for the Session regarding the coronavirus to make decisions quickly to protect the health and safety of our community.

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, the Coronavirus Commission met and decided to close the church building and move our worship services online via Zoom.

Currently, we are asking all members of the community to stay at home and shelter in place. Please do not come to the church building. Melissa and Becky will be in and out of the office – and working from home on your behalf.

If you have a congregational care concern, please call Melissa at the church office, or a member of the Relational Household, whose phone numbers and emails are below. If you are aware of a pastoral emergency, please contact Becky or an elder who will communicate that emergency to Becky, e.g., Lilla Jones, Clerk of Session.

Melissa and Becky are always available by email, and those email addresses are also listed below. Also, we can offer administrative support, and congregational and pastoral care through telephone and Zoom meeting links, all available by arrangement.

## **Education & Prevention**

As with any developing story, there is a lot of misinformation floating around. Please do not use Facebook or other “ads,” which you find on the internet as your source of information.

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a great site, [Coronavirus Disease 2019](#), which explains what this virus is, how it spreads, and how you can protect yourself. It also provides updates and offers expert advice for travelers, public facilities, and healthcare professionals.
2. The World Health Organization posts [frequent updates](#).

3. The Texas Department of State Health Services has a [Coronavirus](#) site with local resources and current statistics, such as how many cases have been reported in the state so far.
4. Katherine Wells, RN, Director of the City of Lubbock Health Department, along with the Mayor and Dr. Cook, provides regular updates regarding the situation in Lubbock by way of <https://www.everythinglubbock.com/news/health/coronavirus/>.
5. [The New York Times](#) and the [Washington Post](#) have free access to coronavirus updates.

## Closing Thoughts

Please do all you can to maintain your health and that of your family, friends, colleagues, and fellow members of this faith community. Be in touch with me or any of the Relational, Witnessing, or Worshipping Household members if you have questions, concerns, or helpful suggestions. And know that, with God's abiding grace, all will be well.

Know you are loved,

Becky Fox  
Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church

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### **Administrative Support:**

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