



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have all heard the news of the last several weeks this unprecedented surge of COVID around the country. In talking to the medical professionals in our own community, the news right here in Canton and Stark County is equally serious and concerning. Since we understand part of God's call to serve the least, the lost, and the alone, we want to protect the most vulnerable in our community. To that end, the leadership of CPC has conferred and has decided on taking the following action steps *during the month of January* to keep our community safer, and to buy time for our local medical professionals to handle, and recover from, this current surge.

The 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Services will continue meeting as we have been....

- **MASKS:** We are strongly recommending that each person that can wear a mask. Recent research has shown that cloth masks are not as effective against the Omicron variant, so we recommend surgical masks, KN-94, or N-95 masks. As always, there will be surgical-type masks available in cloister hall, the narthex, and other various places.
- **DISTANCING:** While seated in the chapel or the sanctuary, please maintain social distance. Additionally, because of this, the pastors will not greet people at the doors following services.
- **KID'S CHURCH:** Those children who want to attend Kid's church will go with Miss Jennie to Westminster Hall following the children's sermon. There the kids can spread out better and we will not serve snacks.
- **MUSIC:** Instead of the full choir, we will have chamber (or smaller) choirs, which will vary from week to week. On occasion, instead of the choir, we may have the bell choir or soloists.
- **MISC.:** We will not have crucifers or processions throughout the month and will also postpone acolyte training.

Whatever programming that can go online, will go online

- **MEETINGS:** All meetings of the church that can will go online this month. If you have any questions about this, please contact your ministry chairs.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Children's Sunday School and the Westminster Sunday School classes will NOT be in person but will be available online. The Children's Sunday School classes will meet on Zoom and those details and links will be emailed out to families soon. The Westminster Sunday School class will be available on YouTube.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** Look for exact details, but most of these meetings will move online.

With this action plan in place, our new Sunday schedule throughout January will be the following (**changes in bold**):

- 8:30 AM Worship Service in the Chapel
- 9:15 AM Children's Sunday School Classes **on Zoom only**
- 9:15 AM-10:00 AM Westminster Sunday School class **on YouTube only**
- 10:30 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- The Children's Choir will suspend meeting for the month and reevaluate come February.

We certainly look forward to a time when all of these changes will be but a distant memory and we can gather together normally. However, we pray that these changes keep our community safer and they help to curb the spread of COVID.

May God's peace be with you now and throughout this new year!

The Session and Staff of Christ Presbyterian Church