



To the Family of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church,

As COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continues to spread around the world and within our country, and with the national call for “social distancing” to help curb the spread of infection, we, the Elders and Deacons of Lennox Ebenezer, are taking additional steps to love our neighbors by doing everything in our power to “flatten the curve.” The following is our current plan.

1. If you—or anyone in your household—is considered high risk, we urge you to stay home. High risk categories include those who are immunosuppressed or suffering from other illnesses, persons with a history of lung disease, and those who are 60 or older. If this describes you or someone in your house, *please* stay home. In fact, *everyone* who can stay home should consider doing so, as social distancing is the best way to slow the spread of viruses.

2. We will have Sunday services this week (3/15) and next (3/22), though with a few key changes. There will be no nursery or Sunday School, no passing the plate or passing the peace, and no fellowship time after the service. We will continue to livestream our service on YouTube, and broadcast on the local cable channel, so that you can join in while also staying home.

3. All other church programs and activities will not meet for the next two weeks, through Friday, March 27. This includes MidWeek Youth and High School Youth Group and classes. Additionally, the Church Choir practice, Communicants Class, and Bible studies are also postponed until further notice. The Exchange Food Pantry will keep to its regular schedule, but will only serve one client at a time.

4. Let your Church minister to you. If you are in need of assistance in running errands, getting groceries, prescriptions, or other essentials, please contact Pastor Sayler, or any one of the Elders or Deacons. (The names and phone numbers for your elders and deacons are included on the second page of this letter.)

5. Love your neighbors. Pray for your community. If you’re healthy, reach out to those around you. If your neighbors are elderly, immunocompromised, or currently quarantined, find out how you can help meet their needs. If you have need for prayer (for you for someone else) please contact the Church and we will be in prayer for you.

6. Trust in the Lord. Remember that this too is from the Lord, who is sovereign over all things. “Do not fear,” says the Lord, “for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, and you are mine” (Isa 43). This is not the first plague to affect the Church. We take great courage in the promises of the risen Lord Jesus, who said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die” (John 11:25-26). Because of our “living hope” (1 Peter 1:3), we can love our neighbors with the confidence that comes from knowing that Jesus has promised us eternal life.

May the grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Pastor Ethan Sayler

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