

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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"This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life". (Psalm 119: 50)

Dear Bethesda Church Family,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our world is facing challenging times as we walk together in these days of uncertainty. Together our faith will be tested as this pandemic unfolds daily. Continue to be wise, careful, and above all prayerful. As people of faith we affirm nothing in all of creation, things present or things to come, can "separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"!

This prayer was written for this nation; however, it's fitting for all nations.

God of ages, in your sight nations rise and fall, and pass through times of peril. Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save. May leaders be led by your wisdom; may they search your will and see it clearly. If we have turned from your way, help us to reverse our ways and repent. Give us your light and your truth to guide us; through Jesus Christ, who is lord of this world, and our Savior. [From: Book of Common Worship. Prayers for the National Life]

Your Session met Sunday March 22nd to discern how we respond as a family of faith. We made the following decisions:

- All church activities CANCELLED until further notice.
- The church office will be staffed by the Pastor and Secretary, as needed.
- The building will not be open for any use.
- Please notify the church if you have needs.
- We kindly request you to please <u>mail</u> your contributions/offerings to the church, so we can cover our expenses which support our mission and ministry.
- We will make available a brief recorded worship service each Sunday morning.
- Most importantly, please pray for each other.

Grace and Peace

David L. Hudson, Pastor