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ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Friends,

As the weather turns cold, we are moving to indoor Worship on Sundays. Thankfully, coronavirus infection rates in our local communities have trended lower. That said, we as a community still have a responsibility to stay vigilant. On Sunday, it is important to observe the following precautions:

1. **If you – or anyone in your family – is not feeling well on Sunday morning, please join us virtually from home.**
2. **If you believe that you could be in category for higher risk of infection due to age or other personal reasons, please join us virtually from home.** We are taking reasonable precautions to create a safe space for worship on Sunday. That said, there is no way that we, or any other organization, can guarantee protection from coronavirus infection.
3. While it goes against our DNA as a warm and friendly congregation, **it is important that we strictly practice physical distancing whenever possible, even while wearing masks.**
4. **Pursuant to the Governor's orders, all persons must wear a face covering while inside the building** (except those normally exempt, like infants). The Pastor and Praise Team will not be wearing face coverings while leading worship, but will be masked otherwise. They will be distanced from the congregation as an added precaution.

Other measures put into place earlier this year when we reopened will remain in place. Additionally, we will be taking full advantage of our modern HVAC system to bring unusual amounts of fresh air into the building during worship (and this could make it a little chilly, so come prepared). Public worship in this day and age continues to require great diligence and creativity – we, as Elders, will continue to brainstorm further options to optimize our coronavirus response.

Being present in a public worship space is not for everyone at the moment. We remain committed to providing a virtual service so that we can *all* be together on Sundays, in spirit if not in person.

I hope you will join us on Sunday in whatever way brings you peace and joy!

Dan Melton