**Response to COVID 19 Outbreak**

**ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL MARCH 31ST!**

Friends,

The Session has cancelled worship services for the rest of the month of March. All committee meetings and other church gatherings are also cancelled until March 31st.

For the rest of this month, let me suggest the following ways you might choose to enrich your spiritual life:

1. I will audio record a sermon and post it on the church’s website and Facebook page by Sunday morning. You might choose to listen to that sermon on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. at your home and pray for your friends and neighbors in the congregation. Or you may listen to the sermon at your convenience.
2. You are invited to take advantage of the Labyrinth at the church! Come by when it is convenient for you in the weeks ahead and spend some time walking the Labyrinth or sitting and meditating. You can find a meditation guide [HERE](https://media.myworshiptimes31.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2020/03/23112356/Labyrinth-intro.docx).
3. Go online to [www.austinseminary.edu](http://www.austinseminary.edu) and watch the Lenten devotional videos presented there by several amazing and thoughtful faculty members.
4. Read the scripture passages listed in the Newsletter each week. Journal about them; reflect on them; pray over them.

We will continue to operate our Saturday Lunch program for now. The people served by this meal program may be adversely impacted by school closures, employment slow-downs, and other factors. Every precaution is being taken to insure the health and well-being of all involved.

I encourage all of you to take on the responsibility to reach out by phone to family, friends, neighbors, and others in the congregation – to combat the isolation that comes from limiting social engagement.

You may continue to reach me by sending an email to pastor@pclt.faith, or by calling the church phone number: 512-494-5950. If nobody is in the office, the church phone number rings through to my personal cell phone.

As Christians we value the opportunity to gather in worship and fellowship, to study and sing and pray together. However, during this epidemic, we must consider those in our midst who are most vulnerable and least able to withstand infection.

The Session will meet again at the end of the month and determine what action will be taken moving forward into April.

If you have questions, please reach out to me by phone or email.

Peace,

Pastor Jack