**Current Response to COVID 19 Outbreak – Updated May 5, 2020**

**ALL IN-PERSON CHURCH GATHERINGS ARE SUSPENDED THROUGH MAY 31st!**

Friends,

At a meeting on Sunday, May 3rd, the Session affirmed that all in-person worship services, committee meetings and other church gatherings remain through the end of May. While we recognize that we long to be together in fellowship and in worship, it is not yet safe for us to gather in the same physical space together.

Our weekly worship service is broadcast online. You may see that broadcast on our Facebook page or on our website ([www.pclt.faith/webcast](http://www.pclt.faith/webcast)). Each week, worship is broadcast starting at 11:00 a.m. and you are encouraged to sit down with your household or alone and worship together through this virtual medium.

Sunday School meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings by Zoom conference technology. Women’s Bible Study meets weekly at 1:30 p.m. on Monday afternoons using the same technology. If you wish to be part of those meetings, please send an email to admin@pclt.faith, requesting the information.

You are also invited to take advantage of the Labyrinth at the church! Come by when it is convenient for you in the weeks ahead as the weather improves. If no others are doing so, feel free to spend some time walking the Labyrinth or sitting and meditating. You can find a meditation guide in a small plastic box at the entrance to the pathway. It is a joyful way to get outside, maintain social and physical distance, and enrich your spiritual connection to your church and your community.

As we pass the eight week milestone, spirits are low and connection feels tenuous. I encourage all of you to continue 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 always reach me by sending an email to pastor@pclt.faith, or by calling the church phone number: 512-494-5950. When 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 the summer months.

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

Peace,

Pastor Jack