**Our Hope and Plan for Re-gathering**

The 7-day rolling average of new COVID hospitalizations in Austin and Travis County have been trending downward since January 9, when we reached a peak of 94. As of March 3, our 7-day rolling average of new hospitalizations was 29. If this number stays below 30 for the next two weeks, it will bring us into Stage 3 precautions. The number to reach Stage 2 precautions is 10 or fewer new hospital admissions for the 7-day average.

Our area is moving in the right direction! If there is not a spike in new cases or hospital admissions as a result of fully re-opening businesses and restaurants or the removal of the state-wide mask mandate, Austin and Travis County could move into Stage 2 precautions by the end of March or April.

The Session determined that, **once Travis County announces we have moved from Stage 3 precautions to Stage 2 precautions,** it will be safe to offer a slow, phased, reservation only, return to worship for up to 15 people. At that time, we will release information about the ways in which re-gathering for in-person worship will occur and the safety measures we have in place. Meanwhile, we will continue to worship virtually as we have been since this began. We will continue to have meetings, Sunday School, bible studies and other gatherings via Zoom. We will continue to be the church in this place – the Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis set loose in the world!