Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you are aware, new developments have occurred since the last communication was sent to you. The session has discussed how to proceed and will be meeting again to continue discerning our way through these challenging times. Because we are well aware that these times cause many anxieties, I remind us of the words of Paul, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Many feel that worship is a time when they greatly sense Christ’s peaceful presence in their lives. For those who feel that this is a time we will be still holding worship. I feel that in these trying times those who need a place of solace like worship should be able to have that opportunity. That all said we will still have worship with the implementations mentioned in the letter sent out earlier along with some added safety precautions listed below to ensure the protection of those attending.

* No fellowship hour
* Individuals and/or families will sit the recommended distance of 3-6 feet apart
* Other aspects of the service may be modified if necessary, to accommodate the situation such as replacing choir anthems with prayer time or having children stay in seats for children’s sermon etc.

According to the WHO, those most at risk are 70 and above as well as those who have pre-existing health issues. We recognize that this is a good majority of our congregation. If you are in that age category, we encourage you to stay home in all aspects. Please reach out to us for assistance in getting anything you need so that you don’t have to take any unnecessary risks.

This decision was prayerfully made, and I would encourage every congregant to do as Paul says, turn to God in prayer and petition to guide your decision making on whether to attend or not. The session and I will continue to discern how to proceed in the upcoming weeks and get information out to you as soon as possible. As Jesus said “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27. I pray that you feel the peace of Christ during these trying times.

**Feel free to call me, I am here for you. 610-533-5781**

In Christ,

Pastor Nicki