

Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ, whose way of self-giving love both inspires and challenges. Today I ask you to consider not what that love allows, but rather what it requires. For now, our love for one another and our neighbors requires us to make a great sacrifice

In light of Governor Beshear's recommendation that churches cancel worship services this weekend, I sat down this afternoon with our staff to discuss our congregation's response. As a part of our discussion, we considered the latest information from leading experts, as well as the guidance offered to us by our presbytery and other area congregations. We forwarded our consensus recommendations to the Session of Second Presbyterian Church, and they have voted to affirm the following measures:

1. That we honor the guidance given to us from the Governor's office and cancel all activities currently scheduled for this weekend, March 13-15.
2. Smaller groups may meet at the discretion of the group leader or organizer, so if you have questions, contact your event leader.
3. Our office will be closed the remainder of this week (Thursday and Friday) although church staff may continue to work in their offices as they determine their need to do so. The church staff will receive their normal compensation. While we anticipate a return to regular office hours soon, it would be wise to call before coming to the office to be sure.
4. The Session will revisit this decision, electronically, next Monday to determine what actions will be warranted then. As this is a fluid situation, we believe it best to make short-term decisions on a weekly (or even daily) basis. Please check the website or call the office for current information.

While I grieve that we will not be together this weekend, I want to commend several ways for you to be the church for one another, and for your neighbors. I hope you will:

- Call as many people from the congregation as you can to let them know that you're thinking of them.
- Be mindful of those you know who are most at risk during these days and offer to pick up their groceries or assist in some other way.

- Stay at home if you're sick, but don't forget to let us know in the church office if you need help.
- Visit and follow ("like") [the congregation's Facebook page](#) so that you can keep up with the latest information, perhaps including some live messages from staff members.
- Keep others in your heart and prayers, including your church staff as we seek to do ministry in this challenging time.

While I am aware that you may disagree with these actions, I trust that you understand we make them not out of fear, but out of love. I am convinced that we have the obligation to show the kind of moral leadership that precludes our believing that we are somehow the exception to the best guidance offered for the good of all.

I am grateful for the way of love made known in Jesus Christ, and for your willingness to make the sacrifices such love requires.

Blessings,

[Pastor John](#)