



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are living through strange and uncertain days. Even so, God's grace continues to show up in surprising and joy-giving ways. While I long for us to be able to gather once more, I hope you are finding fresh ways to engage your faith.

Your Session made another difficult but necessary decision. **We are extending the closure of our campus and refraining from in-person activities until Sunday, May 3, 2020.** As things remain fluid, we will continue to monitor our need to shorten or extend this date as conditions require.

A few other important notes:

- My phone number was inadvertently left out of the new pictorial directory. This was not intentional, and I apologize that I didn't catch this before it went to print. **My number is 540-383-1458**, so please don't hesitate to call should you need me...or simply want to say hello. (And please write it in your directory so that you'll have it if you need it!)
- **We are providing weekly worship in electronic form.** The link will continue to be shared through the email distribution list, posted on our website, and on Facebook. And since a few of you reached out after the service prepared for March 29, I want to assure you that we have either prepared our sections from our homes or alone in the sanctuary. The beautiful anthem by our choir in last week's recording was from March of 2019. I'm sorry that disclaimer wasn't not clearly conveyed, as several of you were concerned that we weren't practicing good social distancing. Please know that we have been for some time now, and that will continue. Thanks for the concerns you shared.
- **Please be sure to visit the church website often** (www.2preslex.org). A new video message from either Sara, David, or me is posted there each day. It's our hope that you will know that you are remembered and loved. You will also find worship materials each Sunday, as well as information about the ways we'll live into the hope of our calling in the coming days. You may also send your gifts online by visiting our website page.
- **Please pray for our leaders.** Like so many others, I have prayed regularly for our mayor, Linda Gorton, even as I have given thanks for her strong and consistent leadership...gifts she has shared so freely in our congregation over the years.

I am grateful for the ways your love and prayers sustain me. Please be assured of mine for you. And take a moment to contact someone in some way today. I am more than ready to rejoice with you in person, even as we do now apart.

You are remembered and loved,

Pastor John