

Hello Church,

The Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 2 have been our church's key verse for navigating through the pandemic.

Paul says, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interest but also the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...Who did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made Himself nothing, putting on the nature of a servant."

That's great advice!

Who do we put ahead of ourselves? Others! We have folks who are Fear-FULL of the virus. Put *them* ahead of yourself! We have those who are Fear-LESS, who have NO fear concerning the virus. Put *them* ahead of yourself! And of course, everyone in between – put *them* ahead of yourself. Let me add, looking out for others includes caring for them physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually.

Within the past year we have seen a dramatic increase in depression, anxiety, loneliness, and other mental health challenges. People need God. People need people. People need community. **People need their church family.**

For those reasons we are keeping our building open for your Sunday morning worship.

We have taken, and will continue to take, all of the necessary precautions for sanitizing and social distancing.

We've also added an overflow area in our building with live-streaming, a large screen and social distancing seating.

We are not currently offering kids' programming, but kids of any age are always welcome to attend the service with their parents. We know kids make noise, and that's okay!

We will continue providing and using pre-packaged communion, which will be distributed by servers using all necessary precautions.

If you are sick or have been sick within 48 hours of a Sunday service, please join us for Greenwood's online worship experience (greenwoodchurch.com/livestream, Greenwood's Facebook page, Twitch.TV/greenwoodsermons or YouTube.com/greenwoodchristianchurch).

You can tune in from home, from your phone, your tablet, or your computer. Many wonderful folks have been working hard to set up new media equipment, and many folks have stepped up and are spending countless hours learning, tweaking and just working hard to make your online worship experience meaningful.

Plan to join us for worship this Sunday! In person or online... YOU ARE WELCOME!

We want you to Be Safe and to Feel Safe.

Thank you for your patience. Thank you for flexing with us. Please continue to do so. Thank you for your prayers as we, in community, show the world where there is hope! Thank you for your loyalty to your church. Thank you for your generosity, online and in person. Thank you for your love for Christ and His Church!

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3).

Serving Him, Tony