

WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We continue to try to make steps to move forward with providing various opportunities for worship, growth, discipleship, mission, and ministry to the Body of Christ at Good Shepherd as well as the communities we are each a part of. To best serve during changing times, we also make changes to try to respond to what opportunities we have and in ways that provide as safe a context as possible, especially for those at greatest risk. As an example, we will be parking cars with spaces between cars and speakers for the parking area for drive-in worship so if people desire to bring chairs and sit outside their cars they will be able to do so. We do ask that people have their masks available in case they approach others.

We are making a slight change for this weekend to now provide:

6:00PM: Saturday evening: Drive-in Worship

****8:30AM: Sunday morning: Drive-in Worship****

9:45AM: Sunday morning: Contemporary Worship

11:00AM: Sunday morning: Traditional Worship

Recorded message of the Contemporary service online by Sunday afternoon

DVD copies of the online services are made available for those who ask.

IN DEVELOPMENT: On-line streaming of the worship service.

FOR THE TIME WE ARE IN, NOT FOREVER, to assist our community to move forward to a better and safer tomorrow, we continue to ask everyone to wear face masks when approaching one another and spatially distance since it seems the primary spread of the virus continues to be in the area we breathe around each other.

Communion elements for persons who participate in the services online or with DVD recordings are available the Saturday mornings before the first Sunday of each month from 9AM-NOON. They can also be picked up during the week by calling the church office to arrange a time for pick-up.

We have found few people who are *happy* about all the things we must do currently as we do our best with the information we have. At the same time, it has been a tremendous blessing to see the people of the Good Shepherd respond with your usual love, grace, and joy. We miss the “life” of our gatherings, the sounds of our children and their enthusiasm, the sights of close conversations between people caring for one another, the interactions of people serving, growing, worshipping together. We pray for one another. With the Psalmist our thoughts often echo his... “Psalm 13: 1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? 3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, 4 lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. *[And then He climbs onto the foundation of His faith...]* 5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.”

Please continue to pray for God’s leading, strength, and deliverance. If there are ways we can join you in prayer, please call the church office or e-mail us at prayer@umcogs.org.