



cherry creek pres

To our CCPC family of faith

As promised we are returning to you with the latest ways we as a church are seeking to make the best of an unprecedented season full of bumps and toils.

As previously shared, we will be moving our services to online for this coming weekend. **We will be worshipping together - one family in many homes - through live streaming at 9:30am on Sunday.** Please gather your household and join us on-line to praise God! To provide resources for families we will have a children's message this Sunday as well as a devotional guide to accompany the sermon. We invite everyone to visit [Preparing for Worship](#) on the homepage to find these resources as well as the sermon Scripture and worship song list.

As your pastor, it is critical to me that you tune-in and worship together with us. Not just important—but *critical* to our faith journey. We live in an age when passiveness and convenience woo us continually. The rapid spread of COVID-19 has created an ecclesiological puzzle about what it means to be the Church. I believe strongly—and the statistics agree—that watching a worship service is far less connective and transformational than being IN one. Something happens when we tangibly come together in Jesus name. When we have “skin in the game.” When I FaceTime my kids or grandkids, it is great to talk, but it is nowhere like hugging them in the flesh or taking them to the park. I want to clarify that this on-line reality for worship is simply a temporary arrangement, not designed for ongoing convenience. We need you to belong at Cherry Creek, to show up, to join in, and to be seen. This is the design of God's relational church.

Additionally, there are a couple things that we want to follow up on:

- **Phone calls to all attenders from the Deacons, Elders, and staff will start next week.** Please expect our call to check on you and pray with you. We care!
- **Our Session of Elders will be meeting on Tuesday evening** to continue praying and making decisions regarding worship and events at Cherry Creek. Stay tuned.

Lastly, due to the new government regulation of a ten person group limit, we will be taking the following measures:

- **The church will be closed to the public beginning Thursday** – many of our staff will be working remotely to continue caring for our congregation. We are still available for phone calls or emergencies.
- **Sunday morning prayer is canceled.** We encourage all our family to continue praying for each other, the global church, and our country at home using our Daily Devotional and Prayer Guide on our homepage or you can **subscribe at** www.cherrycreekpres.org/dailydevos.

In conclusion, I believe God uses inconveniences to grow us. Perhaps he is hitting the pause button in our business, and allowing us to refresh and refocus our faith in time with him? Perhaps God is training us to be more personal in our church relationships, and less programmatic? To spend some time on a Sabbath reading scripture, a Christian biography, or a devotional? In this strange season, we should all do our best with this “distance” worship and seek to connect in new ways. In other words, let’s up our game! Join us as we worship, coming together in Spirit!

Lord, may we know our families better after this time. May we understand church better, too. Please grant us wisdom as we seek to follow your ways. Amen!

In Jesus’ Name,

Brad

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad", written in a cursive style.