

Dear Peace Family,

We are certainly in strange times, but we have a great God who is in full control of our current troubles. In light of this, we are reminded of two passages of Scripture:

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. Psalm 62:1-2

We sing a version of Psalm 62 (I'll Not Be Shaken) and we are reminded how the Lord knows all of our troubles, from a worldwide pandemic to each individual problem we experience. We need God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we need His body, the church, especially now.

Livestream

As we take steps to connect with each other with the church building closed until further notice, we will begin a livestream of our worship service on March 22, this coming Sunday. What that means, in simple terms, is that the Session is encouraging the entire congregation to virtually join together at this time and watch our worship service each Sunday at 10 am [here](#) or on our [YouTube Channel](#). If you need help accessing the livestream, please contact [Andrea](#). The video of the worship service will be available on YouTube shortly after the livestream is over if you are unable to watch at 10 am. In addition, Sunday School resources will be available there.

In addition to this, we will continue to record the sermon in audio form as we always have. You can access our audio sermons [here](#). The sermons will now have sermon discussion questions and the order of service attached as pdf documents. To find these documents, go to the sermons page on the website and click on the sermon series you're looking for, then you can find the sermons listed by date with title and Scripture passage. You can listen (by clicking "listen") and you can download the sermon discussion questions and order of service by clicking "downloads".

The purpose of these resources is to give the sense of community and to encourage healthy spiritual habits at home. Worship should be formative in your life, not a passive activity that can be leisurely performed. As families, we have the wonderful opportunity to be together more and should make the most of the time by engaging in weekday worship. We've set up a [webpage](#) for this purpose.

Prayer Requests

One of the most powerful Christian habits is prayer. We want to encourage you to pray for (and with) your family, your community, your church and the world. **But we also want to pray for you.** If you have prayer requests you'd like the entire church family to pray for, you can email them to the [Peace secretary](#) during weekly business hours. During nights and offhours, please email [Cheryl Somerville](#). These will go on the Peace PrayerLine, which is sent to a large segment of the congregation. We've also set up a [confidential prayer request](#) email address. This will go to the church secretary and be distributed to elders, deacons, Comfort and Care leaders, and staff as appropriate. If you prefer, you can certainly send a private prayer request to our pastors, [Doug](#) or [Ken](#).

Group Meetings

Peace has many ministry groups that meet regularly, such as Community Groups, Life on Life, Bible Studies, and many committees and ministries. The Session wants to encourage those groups to continue to meet by meeting virtually. If you have a preferred platform for virtual meetings, you should do so. If you would like to meet virtually but aren't sure how to accomplish that, please contact [Doug Domin](#). The church has purchased a Zoom business account, which can be made available for group leaders to utilize for their meetings. If your group decides to continue meeting in person in someone's house, please follow current hygiene guidelines and regulatory requirements/recommendations.

Giving

As we virtually gather for worship, be encouraged to continue to worship the Lord with cheerful and regular giving of tithes and offerings. Though we are not passing the plate, you can give electronically or by mail: Peace Church, P.O. Box 518, Cary, NC 27512-0518. The ministry of Peace Church continues as do the expenses. You may not realize that 85 to 90%

of our expenses continue despite not meeting in person. The Lord grants us the privilege to financially support this ministry and the stewardship to use those funds wisely for His Kingdom and His Glory.

We are also expecting our benevolence spending to increase during this time, as we have a number of people who are (or soon may be) temporarily out of work, so if you are able to give to the Benevolence Fund over and above your regular giving, that will certainly be a blessing to others.

Blessings on behalf of Pastors Doug and Ken along with the Mercy Team