

Dear Church Family

A lot of information has emerged and continues to emerge over the COVID-19 pandemic. We wanted to engage with you regarding this weekend & let you know that we are thinking and praying about our way forward over the next weeks and months.

Last night our Board of Directors, elders, staff and four health experts from our church met to discuss steps moving forward in light of the COVID-19 crisis. After hearing from these professionals, we unanimously agreed to cancel our Sunday morning services until further notice. We are *also advising in this season of uncertainty that you use wisdom and discretion in meeting together in smaller groups*. More will be communicated specifically in the next while.

This was not a decision made out of fear but the result of prayer and leaning into our medical health professionals to understand the full reality of our situation. We whole heartedly believe that cancelling our services is a way to:

- love our neighbors, by protecting our neighbors
- be responsible not fearful
- be part of the solution and not part of the problem
- “flatten the curve” of this rapidly spreading virus
- be respectful of those in authority over us and heeding their instruction and warning

We believe that this is a tremendous opportunity to pray for our city and nation and serve in ways that will display the love and presence of Christ. Below are some specific ways you can engage in prayer during this season.

The staff along with the BOD will be working to plan our way forward as a church. Please stay tuned via social media. We will be communicating more of our pathway early this coming week.

For more information on how to protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, please visit the Government of Canada’s COVID-19 website at www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html.

On behalf of the staff, BOD and Elders Council,

Mark, Amanda and Jamie

Sunday Morning Prayer - March

At this critical time, we believe our call is to be prayerful and *to ask God for ideas on how we might serve our city in the coming weeks & months*. So tomorrow, (Sunday) instead of sending you a video message from us, here are some suggestions for ways in which you and your family, roommates, or those in your home can come together and pray,

Begin with Focussing Prayer

Starting with this 10 minute [prayer](#) – which was posted earlier this week from 24-7 Prayer International (you will hear the date stated as March 10). It leads you through scripture and leaves some space to personally intercede for specific items that will be mentioned. Here is a link to a folder with a pdf & an audio file. We'd suggest turning on the audio and letting it run.

Spend time in Worship

Someone once said: "You can tell God how big your problems are, or you can tell the problems how big your God is." Whatever happens is not going to be a surprise to God. We have a trustworthy God who promises that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13.5). The scriptures below invite you to reflect on and to focus on God's character and his promises for his people.

"Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." Jeremiah 32:17

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear"
Psalm 46:1-2

Select from the following list and spend some time worshipping.

