

Coronavirus Response 03.12.20

Dear Christ Church at Grove Farm Family,

At Christ Church, we want to care for our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of our community. To that end, we are taking certain pastoral and tactical precautions to keep our congregants safe, especially in light of recent developments with the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In Psalm 46, we are reminded that it is God who is our refuge and strength, and our ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, let us not fear, but with confidence use this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus through our prayers and careful attention to certain procedures and precautions which we as a church are able to implement immediately to help prevent further anxiety or risk:

WASH YOUR HANDS

First and foremost, please wash your hands. This is the most effective way to stay healthy.

IF YOU ARE SICK

Please stay home if you are sick. The health and safety of our people is our number one concern.

OLDER AND AT-RISK MEMBERS

We encourage our older congregants and people with chronic medical conditions to stay home as they are the most vulnerable to the virus.

LIVESTREAM

Our services are broadcast Livestream on our [YouTube Channel](#). You can access our channel from the homepage of our website (ccgf.org) or by searching “Christ Church at Grove Farm” on YouTube.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Until the threat has passed, we will not be passing the peace at our services.

CLEANING OF FACILITIES

Our facilities are cleaned and maintained daily and we will increase our efforts in sanitizing and cleaning door handles, classrooms, restrooms, Kids’ Ministry, and high traffic areas. Hand sanitizer will be available at the Welcome Center, the Lakeside Café and the Coffee Bar Areas.

OFFERING

The offering will be taken by the ushers in the aisles. We will not be passing the offering basket from person to person during this time. If you prefer to give online, visit ccgf.org/give for a secure giving option.

PASSING THE LOG

We will refrain from passing the logbooks during this time. If you have a prayer request, change of address or email, or would like to speak to a pastor, please use the comment cards in the pews. You can also call or email us anytime at kkopf@ccgf.org.

GREETERS

Our greeters will welcome you to church with a smile and will hold doors open for you but will refrain from handshakes or hugs during this time.

Communion

As our next Communion approaches on Easter, we will assess and inform you of our plans.

Continuing communication

We will continue to keep our congregation updated and informed via our website (ccgf.org), our [Facebook page \(@ccgf01\)](#), and email. If you are not already signed up to receive church communications via email, you can email Kirsten Kopf to be put on our mailing list at kkopf@ccgf.org.

The uncertainty of this outbreak is creating anxiety, yet we remain confident of God's constant presence and careful attention to all that is happening. Please be in prayer for those who are affected by this illness as well as their caregivers, our community, our world, and for those working tirelessly to minimize the impact and spread of this virus.

We will respond as a people of faith, as those who have an eternal hope. We are not fearful or shaken, but we do take the care of our flock and the safety of our community, our city, and our nation seriously.

In Christ,

Pastor Craig Gyergyo

Senior Pastor

Christ Church at Grove Farm