

Dear Members and Friends of The Old Scotch Church,

As our Session listens for guidance from reliable medical sources, we are making decisions about our worship services and gatherings with the hope of caring for one another well.

In this regard, we want you to know that we regularly clean the church, ask all participants to refrain from physical contact, strongly encourage those who don't feel well to stay home, and ask each person to discern whether coming to worship and events is best for them.

At this point, we will continue to hold worship services and events unless we are mandated to do otherwise. If that occurs, we will offer an online liturgy for worship at home, as well as a guide to comparable church season recorded worship services from the past to listen to online. If you do not have online access, consider calling someone who does, and listening together.

We know this is a time of fear and uncertainty for many, and at times such as this, the community and encouragement of the church, built on Jesus Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit, can be a hopeful, stabilizing force in our lives. In this regard, we are asking each of you to consider ways to keep encouraging each other from a distance. Make a list of those you'd like to call regularly, or haven't seen for a while. Share notes via text or email. Send a card in the mail. Let's all work together to keep leaning forward through this situation, following the Author and Perfector of our faith, Jesus our Lord.

Let's also do what we do so well and so often. Let's pray for God's strength, grace, and work in all things.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Tracie