

Family and Friends of FPCLY,

Grace and peace to you all from our Lord Jesus Christ. This message is an update on the status of operations at First Presbyterian Church following a discussion with your Session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

*Due to increasing COVID-19 activity in Lynchburg and surrounding area, the Session has decided to suspend all church sponsored in-person activities at the church including Sunday morning worship, Worship + 2 worship and workshops, committee meetings, and prayer services. The suspension of activities is effective immediately and will be in effect until February 1, 2022 when the Session will meet to consider the then current COVID situation and determine an effective plan moving forward. The FPC Weekday School, Scouts, and Al Anon are not bound by this motion and can proceed in a manner and with such conditions as their leadership determines.*

The Session would like everyone to know that this decision was not made lightly. Suspending ministry opportunities, especially worship, is the last thing anyone wants. There are many in our immediate community that are battling Covid and the safety of all at this time is a vital consideration. The Session would like to encourage everyone to continue practicing safety measures as best as possible so that we can all get through this.

I would like to continue to ask for your prayers for the church as a whole during this time. Frustration, exhaustion, fear, worry, and lack of patience are all very real for many. In the words of Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go!"

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith

Rev. Peter Thompson  
Pastor

