

Members and Friends of Georgetown Presbyterian:

It is with sadness that I officially want to let you know our church calendar of events for the month of April has been cancelled. It was not an easy decision to reach and especially since it means there will be no in-person Holy Week services or activities for 2020. Several people have remarked that they couldn't ever remember an Easter when they hadn't gone to a service of worship, but it is our present, sad reality.

The Session will confer again by late April to make a determination, at that time, as to what we can offer in May. With the uncertain nature of this pandemic, it's hard to make predictions other than to say that we will resume church programming and activities when it's widely deemed as safe to do so. We will continue to recognize that we have a duty to ensure the safety of each other and our neighbors in this community, but it's not an easy thing to do.

I certainly hope we will be able to keep you informed about church concerns and requests for prayer and the like. It's also hoped that our church staff can continue to provide you some form of online worship for Sunday mornings and will only be prevented from doing that by a stay in place order. For the coming week, our church website ([www.georgetownpresbyterian.org](http://www.georgetownpresbyterian.org)) will feature links to our 2019 services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday, and I would invite you to tune in to observe and join in from your homes with our congregation as we worshipped together last year.

Please let me or the church office know if you have special needs or specific prayer concerns for us to be mindful of in the coming days. As I try to consider what this time of shut down and slow down means for us as a church, I can only wonder if it's not a time for us to come together by staying away from each other ironic as that may sound. The medical reality is that we will only be able to come together again once we have been apart for a while.

But while the church may change form and function, it never loses its purpose. It is always our task to glorify God, and we do that right now by staying apart. Though it runs counter to most everything we do as a church where we bring people together in so many different ways, God seems to be telling the church that it is to be apart for a period of time we all pray will end sooner rather than later. Please stay posted as we attempt to reach out with words of communication about church life at GPC as they develop. Let us continue to pray for each other and for our neighbors near and far.

In Christ's service,

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