

Port Royal Baptist Church



March 25, 2020

Neighbors and friends across the miles,

We hope this letter finds you well. Even as our lives change drastically, the greening world reminds us every day that many of life's rhythms are still in effect. Birds return, the grass grows lush, and the sun offers its warmth (some days). During Lent, we turn ourselves toward Jesus through prayer, reflection, and repentance. We give ourselves to these spiritual practices so that our bodies and souls might be united to follow Jesus on the path laid out for us.

At the center of our church's life together is worship. The weekly worship habits of confession, patience, singing, listening, reading, praying, giving, and reflecting are more important now than ever. As we prepare for another Sunday without gathering according to our custom, we hope the enclosed documents will be beneficial to you and yours. Enclosed is an adapted-for-home worship guide for March 29 and two coloring pages for prayer and reflection. Please gather your hearts in prayer and worship during the 11am hour on Sunday. We are present to one another in spirit in ways that technology cannot surpass.

We have also enclosed an addressed envelope this week. Since our weekly offerings are usually collected in person on Sunday morning, we'd like to give you this opportunity to mail yours in. The church continues to do ministry while our in-person services are suspended. Next week, under the direction of the Henry County Help Center, we will hold our monthly food distribution at the church with significant modifications to protect all involved. Additional volunteers might be needed. You may call Billy Sanders for more information. In addition to our regular ministries, we anticipate the need to build up our benevolence fund as the financial effects of this season hit many in our community. If you send a check for regular offering or benevolence, please mark clearly where you would like your check to go.

We will be emailing and postal mailing the worship guide for March 29 next week. As Holy Week and Easter approach, Port Royal Baptist Church is working through creative ideas to observe these holy days in ways that keep us all safe. However, we will continue to follow public health guidelines and do our part to prevent the spread of infection. As guidance from our public officials change, we will follow that guidance whole-heartedly. Please continue to check in with pastors and deacons to express any needs.

If you would like a digital copy of these documents in the future, please let us know. You can email us at portroyalbaptist@gmail.com or drop us a note at the church's Facebook page, "Port Royal Baptist Church - KY."

Grace and peace to you all,

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