

Dear HCC Family,

It has been wonderful to begin worshipping with you in-person again for these last two weeks. The outdoor and indoor gathering options have been a blessing to those who have come in person and the remote worship option has been near seamless over the past month. Our congregation is blessed with a property that enables us to worship comfortably outdoors as well as a spacious sanctuary to spread out and maintain the advised social distancing. Even though wearing masks is not comfortable or preferred, our congregation has embraced this encouragement with understanding and consideration. Thank you.

The session has been monitoring the increased daily cases of COVID-19 over the last couple of weeks. We are aware that the next Dallas County COVID daily count will likely surpass 1,000 cases. We are committed to continuing our worship life together and doing it safely, in accordance with state and local guidelines.

Right now, the session has decided to continue with our three worship service options- outdoor at 8:30, indoor at 9:30 and remote worship. The procedures we implemented are in alignment with state guidelines and we are working hard to remain vigilant to continue to improve the processes and plans for the safety and health of our congregation. Part of the reason for this is that you all have exercised sound judgment. We closely monitor the weekly responses you send in and the in-person worship attendances has been steady enough to allow for everyone to spread out safely across the sanctuary. We are grateful for your discernment about how to worship and where your comfort level is in this time.

We continue to encourage those who are at-risk as outlined by the CDC to worship remotely. Also, please worship remotely if you have been in contact with someone exhibiting symptoms or if you have symptoms yourself.

God remains in control and is our refuge in these uncertain times. When we worship, we are acknowledging our faith and trust in our Lord Jesus who has overcome the world. Your leadership remains committed to maintaining the worship, discipleship, and mission of the church safely and for the glory of God. Thank you for being committed to this wonderful body of believers.

Peace,

Pastor Jonathan and the HCC Session