



Pastor Update, Coronavirus Letter 12

It will be a wonderfully powerful moment when we're gathered together. Safely.

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Dear Members and Friends of FPC Moorestown,

Someone at some time taught you how to go to church. Most likely, your parents were the ones who showed you the ropes of whatever place of worship you attended as a young person.

My parents tag-teamed to get our family ready on Sunday mornings. My Dad handled making breakfast—always cream chipped beef over my Mom's homemade bread. My Mom made sure we were presentable in appearance. For a time, she could get me to wear a sporty tweed jacket and tie. Once we walked into the large front doors of the Media Presbyterian Church as a family, we knew which pew to sit in, when to bow our heads and when to stand to sing.

You don't need any help in coming to church, I know. Still, you've never come to Sunday worship in a pandemic. That's why I wanted to prepare you for what awaits you if you choose to come this Sunday morning for our 9:30 a.m. worship service. A couple of weeks ago, I sent you a set of details to follow. This week my dog Elsie and I made a video together that's designed to show you how check in and seating will function on Sundays. If Elsie can do it, you can too! Don't forget that we'll continue offering the live stream of the service through our website www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Please note the following as you prepare for Sunday:

- Seating for worship begins at 9:15 a.m.
- Our ushers will guide you to a pew. If you come with a spouse and children, you'll be seated as a party.
- When we've reached our seating capacity, the overflow room is Miller Commons where the live stream will be broadcast.
- Once the Benediction is offered, ushers will dismiss you by rows.

It will be a wonderfully powerful moment when we're gathered together as a congregation in the presence of the Lord. We all can use such an instance of grace right now. Things will not be the same as before, not for a while. You'll see that the Bibles and hymnals have been removed

from the sanctuary. We won't be passing offering plates or communion trays. We can't sing or hold hands. It won't be like it was, yet that doesn't mean that God's loving presence will be diminished in the least.

I do look forward to preaching to a living, breathing congregation in the sanctuary. I thank God for you always.

Warmly yours in Christ,
Stuart Spencer