

Updated Statement on the Coronavirus, March 17, 2020

In light of the White House National Coronavirus Guidelines issued March 16 (“15 Days to Slow the Spread”, see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>), and the urgent request by the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod received on the same day, Pastor Jim and the Council have decided to modify our plans through March 31, 2020. The revised plan is as follows:

- We will discontinue in-person worship services through March 31st. This includes both in-person Sunday services and mid-week Lenten services.
- We will hold Sunday Services for March 22nd and March 29th via a “Podcast” video to be posted on the CTS website (<https://www.christtheservant.net/>) by mid-morning of each Sunday.
- The services will include opening prayers, Old and New Testament readings and Psalm, some selected music played by John Krueger, Sermon by Pastor Jim, creed, prayers of the church, Lord’s Prayer, and Benediction.
- There will be some limited opportunity for CTS members to facilitate the services while still complying with guidelines to limit overall attendance to 10 persons. Our Council President and President Elect will serve as lectors. There will be no ushers or greeters required. If you would like to help facilitate the services please contact Betsy Riggs.
- The office will remain open during this time if you have any special needs. However, all other scheduled activities that involve more than 10 people will be cancelled through March 31. This includes Sunday School, Monday night Bible studies, Youth Car Wash, Men Who Love Spaghetti, GED classes, AA meetings, and ESL classes.
- Our other guidance remains unchanged from our March 13th statement. Our members are urged to practice good hygiene, wash their hands, and follow the medical guidance of the CDC or your personal physician. If you are experiencing symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath) please seek medical attention and stay at home until you have recovered.
- For those who may need assistance, ***please let us know*** so that we can help you. This could include such things as delivering food if you end up isolating or in quarantine or obtaining temporary financial assistance if you lose your job. You can contact either Pastor Jim or Betsy Riggs with any requests for help, which they will arrange through one of our CTS teams.
- We ask that you continue to give your regular donation so that we can continue the mission of the congregation without interruption. For the next two weeks this can either be through an online donation at <https://www.christtheservant.net/give.html>, or else you can bring it by the office at your convenience.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep the congregation informed of any new developments or changes in plans. We urge you to pray for God to shower His love and mercy on His people and Church, and to grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders.