



This year has asked much of us, and it appears that more will yet be required before the COVID-19 storm passes. The recent spike in COVID-19 infections is making an impact on all of our lives and we need to respond accordingly.

As you know, we are scheduled to gather for Outdoor Worship this Sunday, and that was to be followed by the grand opening of Harpeth House. **Worship will go forward as planned**, but after hearing the counsel of our Medical Advisory Team, the collective wisdom of other churches in our area, and the considered counsel of our Elders, **we are postponing the Harpeth House Dedication** to an as yet to be determined date in the future.

We had planned for indoor-only worship after this coming Sunday, but we are **extending our current joint Indoor/Outdoor Worship service through December 20th**.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be outdoor as well, with beautiful carols and candlelight.

On January 10, 2021, we will begin offering **Indoor Worship in three locations** - Worship Center, Events Center, and Harpeth House.

Finally, we remind everyone that for the time being, **masks are required in the church building (but not during Outdoor Worship)**. Please wear a mask at all times in the building until you are seated and/or listening to the sermon. We will also continue to have seating that recognizes recommended social distancing.

I've consistently told our staff and ministry team to hold all plans lightly as we seek to serve in this very unpredictable time: while it is our responsibility to plan, only God's providential plans will actually unfold. We trust him as we move forward one day at a time.

Should the situation demand it, we are prepared to return to online-only worship should the situation demand it, and we will continue to do everything we can to serve you in this challenging time.

Remember our Five Commitments during COVID

1. **Gather for Worship, in person or online**
2. **Grow in Community through Huddles and Connect Groups**
3. **Grow in Prayer for one another and the expansion of the Kingdom**
4. **Give generously and faithfully so the work of the Gospel is unhindered**
5. **Give the Gospel to others.**

Perseverance in faith, hope, and love are what is needed by us all just now, marked especially by kindness to one another, bearing one another's burdens, just as Ken reminded us in worship this past Sunday.

"Therefore my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing your labor is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Confident in your prayerful love and defiant joy, knowing you love one another more than self, and Jesus Christ above all, I send you my love and I look forward to gathering with you Outdoor this Sunday for my final message from Ecclesiastes on Wisdom in the Whirlwind.