Beloved,

I write with an update about our plans for this weekend and the next few Sundays. Last night the Session decided that effective immediately all church-related activities will be suspended until the end of March. At that time, we will reevaluate recommendations by the city and state and make a determination about whether the church should re-open. Affected activities include in-person worship, weekly Bible Study, Prayer and events held at the church.

There will be no in-person worship for at least the next three Sundays until further notice. This decision is made out of an abundance of precaution and a desire to make sure we keep our congregation safe. We know how much it means for us to be able to gather together in community and we have put our collective health as our top priority in coming to this decision.

What will we do instead? Live-stream! Search for the Lafayette Ave. Presbyterian Church’s page on Facebook (Search @LAPCBrooklyn) and we will go live at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. You do not need a Facebook account to see the live-stream. We will be more diligent about getting the sermons posted online as soon as they are available. Sermons can be found at the bottom of the website page. Bulletins will be available online or sent through snail-mail by request.

During this time three things will be important.

1. Remember that this pandemic is important enough to heed the advice of experts and protect ourselves and others around us. (Look to the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), [WHO](https://www.who.int) and locally [NYC Health](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page))

2. Continue to support the church in our prayers and our resources as we are able. Your giving makes supporting community members, meeting emergency needs and keeping the church going possible. [Click here](https://www.lapcbrooklyn.org) to visit our website and donate.

3. Although we won’t meet in person, the strength of our community remains! Check-in on one another, call and email your pew-mates. We need each other now more than ever.

While we await our reunion in person, let us keep God, each other and the community lifted. Let us keep LAPC as the community that grounds us, gives us hope and reminds us to think of the most vulnerable.

Praying for Us All,

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