

Dear City Reformed,

Out of concern for the spread of the Coronavirus and the COVID-19 infection, City Reformed Presbyterian Church will be livestreaming our 10:15AM worship service on Sunday March 15, 2020. Our worship service will not be open to the public. We ask our members to stay home and participate with us through their phones, computers or tablets. We hope that households will gather together to sing, pray and listen to the Scriptures. We believe that in this time of uncertainty, the comfort of God's word and the prayers of God's people are needed more than ever.

While we may be separated by distance, we will draw near in spirit.

- To see the **LIVESTREAM**, simply [click on this link](#) **TOMORROW ~10:10AM** and select the video that says "live". If you miss the stream when it is live, you can find the older ones through the same link. Please find my [welcome video here](#).
- If you are able, please also become a subscriber of City's YouTube account which will give us the ability to stream more easily and make it so the link can be more easily found via search.
- If you need any assistance with the livestream contact Taylor (taylorstein93@gmail.com); and if on Sunday morning you need help, call the church office: 412-720-7014.

Giving: We consider tithes and offering as an act of worship within the corporate family of Christ. While we are unable to receive your contributions in-person, please direct all [giving through our website](#) or via mail (3929 Coleman St., 15207).

Prayer: We would like to pray for you. We are re-activating prayer@cityreformed.org and all emails go directly to Pastor Joseph.

Deacons are ready and willing to help, particularly financial assistance for those missing work related to the Coronavirus. It can be awkward to ask for help, but it's generally better to do it sooner rather than waiting for a crisis. Contact Nik (nik@alum.wustl.edu) or any of the deacons.

Moving forward: Leaders from City Reformed will be meeting after the worship service tomorrow to discuss how we can continue our various ministries while reducing the risk of infection.

The decision to close our service was a difficult one that was reached after long discussions and agonizing prayer. We believe that something significant is lost, when we are not physically present with each other. However, we recognize that we are living in unusual times. There is a lot that we do not know about the Coronavirus and its impact on people. The good news is that the vast majority of people do not have a lot to fear from the infection called COVID-19. However, this infection is spreading across the world and can have a devastating impact on the most vulnerable among us. We urge our elderly members and those who have compromised immune systems to take special caution. For the rest of us, our actions to reduce the transmission of this infection are really about loving our neighbor and reducing the impact of COVID-19 on our community.

To those of you who find fears of infection dominating your life... let me encourage you. God is still in control. He has guided his church through serious infection in the past, and he is able to care for us now. Tomorrow we will be gathering online to bow before him and listen to his word. When our love for God grows, our fear of other things gets put in the proper perspective. Please join us.

In Christ,



Pastor Matt