

BEING THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD DURING THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE EFFORTS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Good Shepherd is a staple part of my Sunday morning. What is happening to our worship at this time?

Worship at Good Shepherd is online!

Sunday services will be made available from 8am onwards on Facebook, [YouTube](#), over email, and on the Church of the Good Shepherd website.

What about during the week?

Our public [Facebook page](#) is updated with daily opportunities for daily prayer and reflection. We are beginning to integrate Zoom into our virtual community building, and will have more news shortly on virtual Bible and book studies, as well as virtual coffee hours and check-in groups.

What's happening to the staff?

The staff are all safe and well - we are continuing our weekly meetings over Zoom and working on a faithful response to the opportunities and challenges we're presented with during this exceptional period. Staff are currently working from home and only in the office for essential tasks.

Are we paying our staff while this is going on?

Yes. We will pay our staff for as long as God allows. It is not a matter of legal obligation. It is the only right thing we can do as a Christian community.

What do you need from me?

1. Prayer

The tasks at hand are exciting but sometimes overwhelming. We need you to pray for our staff, our clergy, our vestry, the City of Raleigh, the state of North Carolina, the country and the world.

2. Grace

As we try new things and implement new processes in a time of national upheaval, some things will work great. Some things might be total flops, but at least we will have tried! Some of our processes may be clunky, some things may fall through the cracks, and some toes may be inadvertently stepped on. We invite one another to deep practices of grace as we learn to be brave and bravely loving together.

3. Financial Support

As you read above, we are continuing to pay our staff and clergy. With no plate offerings for two months, we will most certainly have less income than we had budgeted for this portion of the year. Though the building may be closed our Church is very much still open and operational. While many things have changed between now and last week, our bills have stayed the same. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to set up online giving to Church of the Good Shepherd at <https://donorbox.org/cgs-misc-contribution>. For more information please contact [Kirk Royal](#).