

CORONAVIRUS REPOSENSE

SULLIVAN FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Dear Friends and Family of Sullivan First Christian Church,

I am writing to all of you with the greatest of convictions to continue to bring to each of you the message of hope that is only found in the Gospel. Today, the country is overwhelmed with continued updates on the fast pace growth of the unseen enemy, COVID-19 also known as the Coronavirus. As we look to the time of uncertainty that remains ahead for our country we draw our attention to a message of hope and security as found in the Word of God. It is a prayer of safety, security, and certainty in time of unrest. The prayer of Psalmist is very much relevant for our time today.

Psalm 139:5 (HCSB) – You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.

Even in a time as this as when we see our world overwhelmed with panic and fear we understand that the Lord is still at work and He is still placing His mighty hand of provision upon His followers.

Sullivan First Christian fully believes in the promise of the Lord and the need to continue to provide a place of prayer and worship in these overwhelming days. With the recent news, updates, and recommendations that have come from the president, the governor, and the CDC then we have made the decision that it is in the best interest for the safety and welfare of our people to transition to an online platform of prayer and worship for this Sunday March 22, 2020 which will take place at 10:30 a.m.

WHAT DOES THIS TRANSITION MEAN FOR ME?

You may ask the question: What does this transition mean for me? We understand that nothing can take the place of a person-to-person church service, but we will strive to make this Sunday a time of great praise, worship, and prayer. Here are some things that we are doing to make the new online platform a great option for worship and praise.

- **Online Service ONLY at 10:30 a.m.** – We will not have a person-to-person worship service on Sunday March 22, 2020. We will only have a LIVE online service which will only take place at 10:30 a.m. This can be viewed on our website (<https://www.sullivanfcc.org/live/>) or you can join us on Facebook. You can also listen to the 10:30 a.m. service live on the radio at 95.3 WNDI.
- **New Digital Resources** – We also understand that connecting with one another through study and prayer is critical in the life of a Christian. This is why we have dedicated a new resource on our website to aid you in your walk during this time. This portion of our website will consist of new digital resources such as sermons, podcasts, Bible studies, and articles of interest that you can share with one another or utilize as an individual during this time. This new resource can be found on our website (<https://www.sullivanfcc.org/digital-resources/>).
- **21 Day Prayer Guide** – The most important work that we can accomplish during times of uncertainty is to stay focused on prayer. We have put together a 21 Day Prayer Guide that you can utilize during this time which will be released in 7 Day sections throughout the next 21 Days. You can find this resource on our website (<https://www.sullivanfcc.org/digital-resources/>).

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- **STEP #1** – Pray for your church, family, community, country and those directly affected by COVID-19. Pray for the health care workers who are treating the sick and those public health administrators making difficult decisions. Pray that God would protect our community from further spread of the virus.
- **STEP #2** – Reflect Christ. In these anxious days, the church (all of us) can shine as a light of hope, care, faith, patience, and prudence. We can demonstrate to the world how our faith provides true assurance against worry and fear.
- **STEP #3** – Practice recommended personal hygiene. Wash your hands frequently and stay home if you are sick.
- **STEP #4** – Continue to support your local church through tithes and offerings. We understand that this is a difficult time for every family emotionally, physically, and financially. Your giving helps us continue to spread the Gospel in our community and beyond. It also helps us continue to minister to those that are impacted socially and economically in this time. One great option to continue your giving can be found through our website (<https://www.sullivanfcc.org/give/>).

FCC thanks you for your continual prayer and support as we regular monitor the news and updates from state and local health agencies regarding COVID-19. Our desire is to care for the entire well-being of the individuals and families who worship at Sullivan First Christian Church – which includes physical as well as spiritual health. Any schedule changes or cancellations continue to be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Finally, we continue to pray for the safety and well-being of all, especially in those areas that have already been hard-hit by the coronavirus. May God continue to fill you with peace and hope, in the midst this season for our country and our world!

In Christ,

Dr. Timothy Lueking, Senior Minister

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