

PLYMOUTH CHURCH

COVID-19 PLYMOUTH RESPONSE: 3/13/2020

In light of the changing and growing circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, we have carefully reflected on the necessary changes we need to make to best protect those around us. To date, there are **no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our immediate community**. Nevertheless, we find it essential to implement safety measures to precisely care and protect the community whom we serve.

The following changes in our operations shall remain in effect until further notice:

NEW!!

Sunday Worship 3/15

If you plan to stay home and join us via livestream, please visit: www.plymouthchurch.org/sunday-worship to enjoy the livestream feed. We look forward to having you gather with us in spirit!

If you plan to come to Plymouth Church:

- **Entry/Exit.** Please enter and exit by way of 57 Orange St. only.
- **Seating.** For your comfort and respective needs for safe distancing, we will be making the balcony accessible for extra room between pews. Feel free to make yourself comfortable across one pew, or two, or three! Our sanctuary will provide room for all to sit where you feel most comfortable.
- **Hymnals.** Also for your convenience, should you choose to not handle the hymnals, our Orders of Worship shall include all hymnal music, so you have everything you need in one document.
- **Bathrooms.** Please note hyphen access (behind the sanctuary) shall be available for bathroom use only. Please refer to the section below re: the Sunday programs that are postponed.

In the midst of the current circumstances, we look forward to having you at Sunday Worship at 11:00AM—be it in the back pew of the balcony, or from the comfort of your living room via livestream. Through it all, Plymouth Church shall continue to find safe and creative ways for us to come together and build community.

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All other items below remain in effect:

Plymouth Church School (PCS)

shall be **CLOSED** until Friday, March 27. Classes shall **tentatively** resume Monday, March 30. PCS parents shall receive directives from PCS Director Adrienne Urbanski as to the official date classes will resume.

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Plymouth Groups and Partners who Use/Rent Space @ Plymouth

All scheduled events through Friday, March 27 are indefinitely postponed. Just as with PCS, the calendar event schedule shall *tentatively* resume no earlier than Monday, March 30. Individuals and groups who are scheduled to have events at Plymouth shall be receiving separate communications from Executive Administrator Molly Martinez and Sarah Evelyn about postponement logistics.

Plymouth Worship 3/15 & Sunday Programs

As of today, Sunday Worship on **March 15 @ 11:00AM remains in effect** to take place in the Sanctuary. It shall be the *only* event happening onsite on Plymouth Campus that day.

However, regular Sunday programs, including but not limited to:

- Faith Ed
- Discover Plymouth
- Children's Sunday School
- Coffee Hour
- History Tours
- "The Stolen Thing" art exhibit
- Junior Choir
- Seraph Choir
- Cherub Choir
- Underground Thrift Store
- Tone Chime Choir
- Junior Youth Group
- Senior Youth Group

shall be postponed until further notice.

While our doors shall be open this coming Sunday, we strongly urge families with children, persons over 60 years of age, and persons with pre-existing health-related or other conditions who are most vulnerable at this time, to not attend. We shall be live-streaming Sunday's service so that you may continue to enjoy Plymouth Sunday Worship from the comfort of your home. Please go to: www.plymouthchurch.org/sunday-worship to enjoy the livestream feed. While we shall miss seeing each other in person, we shall remain together in spirit. With respect to subsequent Worship services, please stay tuned for future announcements as the logistics shall be issued on a week-by-week basis.

Lenten Groups

We have been so moved by your spiritual commitment to gather in groups during this season of Lent. For those of you currently participating in our Lenten Small Groups, please stay tuned for direct messages from your respective Lenten Group Leader with respect to any change in scheduling and/or logistics.

Plymouth Weekday Programs

Rise and Shine and Friday Fellowship are also indefinitely postponed until further notice. If you are a participant in these programs, please stay tuned for further information from Director of Children and Family Ministries Julia Rassmann.

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Plymouth Council / Committees & Ministries

Just as with PCS and Church Programs, use of Plymouth facility for Council, Committee and Ministry meetings shall be indefinitely postponed until further notice. Nevertheless, we want to encourage you to remain connected with your respective groups. To that end, we are providing here the following FREE conference call dial-in numbers so you stay in touch with your groups, as needed.

Dial-in number for **COUNCIL & PLYMOUTH STAFF**: 515-604-9094 | PIN: 899-462-635

Dial in number for **COMMITTEES & MINISTRIES**: 425-436-6310 | PIN: 530129

Recurring Updates. For ease and convenience to keep you informed, we have created the page: www.plymouthchurch.org/COVID-19. As local and global circumstances are changing almost daily, so are our protocols. Please check this page regularly for the latest updates on our Sunday Worship and assorted programs. These updates shall also be published in our weekly eNews.

What can we do during this time?

Be safe. Please stay informed and take the necessary precautions for you and your family.

Stay connected. While this is a time that is calling for physical distancing, it is then ever more important to stay connected. Establish a phone tree and check in with each other regularly. Have more conversations via FaceTime, Skype or Zoom. Through it all, the Plymouth pastoral team is here for you. Please contact Brett or Erica for pastoral counseling and/or assistance.

- Brett Younger: byounger@plymouthchurch.org | 678-628-8608
- Erica Cooper: ecooper@plymouthchurch.org | 706-254-3940

Pray. We ask that you pray for those around your community and the globe who have been seriously affected by this illness. This is a time for care and compassion to those who are most vulnerable.