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***“Servants of
Jesus Christ—
Ministering
To One Another,
To Our Community,
And To Our World.”***

Dear Friends In Christ,

Here is an **update** from the Pastors in consultation with the Session.

OUR PLANS BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

*We have **Closed the Church** for Worship and all of the groups through at least April 30, 2020 as the Governor has ordered. Given the news each day, we realize that this could last longer. When we are able to open again, we will let you know.

*We are **Planning a Holy Week Video Worship Service**. This will be one service for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

*We will Keep the **Office Open** remotely for Communications, Website, E-mails, etc. The Staff is working remotely. We are also receiving the daily mail as someone is here to receive the mail.

*We will **Keep Paying** all of the Staff through this period. Staff members, for whom it is feasible, are working remotely from their homes. We are e-mailing, texting, using the phone and meeting online through Zoom.

*We have enclosed several envelopes for you to use to mail in **offerings**. We are finishing up the 2019-2020 church budget year and will start our 2020-2021 church budget on April 1. We encourage you keep supporting the church financially. We want to keep the church going and thriving even in this time. During April we are receiving a **special offering** to support our three young women, Rhobi, Bhoki, and Lucia, at **Angel House Mission**. Please mail your gift to the office or use our online giving option to support these young women.

*Please know that you can use **online giving** through our website: www.firstpresjoliet.org Go to the top right side on the menu bar and click on “Give” and next under “My Donation” use “Choose a Fund” then fill in the amount and follow the directions. You may also call Tracy Norris, our church treasurer to sign up for electronic giving.

*We are worshipping together through **Online Video Worship** Services just like last Sunday until we can come back to church again.

* Please keep the church, our community and all the world in your **prayers**.

May you know and sense the presence, love, strength, and hope of the Lord Jesus!

Craig and Bo and the Session