

Dear Philadelphia Family,

January 6, 2022

I hope this message finds you well as we enter this season of Epiphany. I write today with some news about Philadelphia's ministry considering the recent COVID surge.

Due to the alarming increase of COVID cases in Mecklenburg County and across the country, Philadelphia's Session believes it is prudent for the church to stop meeting in-person for its 9am and 11am Sunday services. In their place will be a single virtual service at 11am. **The Session is implementing this change from Sunday, January 9 until Sunday, February 6.**

While we are not having in-person services:

- Philadelphia's Kingdom Kids, Youth Sunday School class, and MDWK program (all ages) **will not meet**. The church's Confirmation class will meet over Zoom.
- Adult Sunday School classes and small groups may meet.
- Groups that meet on campus throughout the week (AA, Scouts, Annex Shoppe, etc.) may meet.
- The church office and preschool will remain open.

For those groups continuing to meet, the Session underscores the importance of mask wearing, social distancing, and meeting in well-ventilated areas to help prevent the spread of COVID.

I look forward to rejoining with you for in-person worship on Sunday, February 6. Until then, let's continue to support each other through prayer, texts, calls, cards, and emails—and all the ways we claim the connectedness that the Holy Spirit gives us as the Body of Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Herbie Miller