



시온장로교회

Korean Zion Presbyterian Church

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Dear Zion Presbyterian Church families and Guests,

As we are running towards the middle of March 2020, we are all affected by the unexpected illness, Corona 19 (the new Corona virus) whether directly or indirectly. According to the local News, Corona 19 landed in Maryland on last Thursday (March 5), and last week (March 8) a woman in her 80s in Harford County has been confirmed positive COVID-19, and today, March 12, one Baltimore County resident who is in his sixties has been confirmed. Became a confirmed positive. As we all know, our church is in the Baltimore County.

During the past few days, Zion Presbyterian Church session has continued to track developments concerning the coronavirus both locally and globally. Paying close attention to the official news as well as the official statement of Maryland, the session has continued to discuss how to respond to the current situation and how to deal with it in the prayer. Currently, the total cases of coronavirus confirmed in Maryland is 12, and the pace of infections is gradually increasing. Under these circumstances, universities near Baltimore have been closed for two weeks, and all public schools in Maryland are closed for two weeks from March 16 (Mon) to 27 (Fri). In addition, the governor signed orders prohibiting gatherings and events of more than 250 people, including religious, recreational, and athletic events.

Just as we announced on the bulletin last week, now the session has come up with updated decision to the Zion Presbyterian Church family after prayerful consideration.

- 1) From today, the session has decided to suspend all worship and gatherings except Sunday worship until further notice, which includes Wednesday Worship, Dawn Worship, District Worship, Youth Group Saturday Meetings, Young Adult Saturday Meetings.
- 2) This coming Lord's day, March 15, the worship service will be provided only at 11:00 (Translation will be provided, too)
- 3) We do not have the English service at 10:00 on March 15.
- 4) The Elementary service will be provided at 11:00 on March 15 while Youth group will join the worship service at 11:00.
- 5) The fellowship will be held on March 15. However, if any member feels uncomfortable to participate in the fellowship, he or she can be free to go home after the worship service.
- 6) The choir practice for the worship will be held with available choir members at 10:00 am in the main sanctuary.

Once again, the session will continue to provide updates periodically, as the situation develops.

We are going to do everything possible to ensure that we keep our worship services on Lord's day. The Zion Presbyterian Church will be meeting exclusively Live online for worship services if it is needed. All those details will come to you including next worship service on March 22.

During this period, the session would like to ask to the families of Zion Presbyterian Church for the following cooperation;

- 1) If you are eligible for the worship service this Sunday, March 15, please do your best to attend.
- 2) If you are at higher risk of the following conditions, please be wise by staying at home and participating the worship service at 11:00 a.m. on March 15 through the church's Internet live broadcast
 - a. Members who do not feel good
 - b. The aged and weak members
 - c. Members who had or have serious chronic medical conditions such as cancer
 - d. Members with fever of over 100 degrees, dry cough and shortness of breath
 - e. Members who have traveled to geographic areas of concern, or who have contacted such people
- 3) Instead of shaking hands, the session encourages you to greet or talk each other in a comfortable distance
- 4) Wash your hands often with soap and warm water at the church.
- 5) If you have traveled or contacted to anyone from the areas of concern, please follow Self-isolation guide at home for at least 14 days.

Although we are passing through this confused and difficult time, we trust God who is sovereign over history and our lives. By knowing that our times are in the Lord's hand, let us trust and confess our faith in God. Most of all, please pray for finding vaccine as well as for the people suffering from this disease.

At last, the session humbly bows down and prays that God's faithful comfort, peace, and hope will be enriched to the members of the Zion Presbyterian Church!

In Jesus Christ,

Zion Presbyterian Church Session

(P.S.)

❖ We will tell you how to participate in Live Worship.

- 1) The Church website (www.thezion.org)
 - a. When you enter the church website, there is a "Live Worship" menu.
 - b. Click on it then it will lead you to the Youtube screen
 - c. If you click the play button on the Youtube screen, you will join the worship service.
- 2) YouTube
 - a. Go and type "youtube.com" on the Internet browser and put "시온장로교회 메릴랜드" in the "Find" or "Search" section of YouTube.
 - b. If you click the play button of the Sunday worship service, you will join the worship service.

❖ Basic knowledge and recommendations for the prevention of COVID-19.

- 1) What are the symptoms of COVID-19?
 - a. If you have a runny nose and sputum (sputum), you probably have a cold.
 - b. COVID-19 usually has a dry cough without a runny nose and sore throat.
- 2) Characteristics, symptoms, and progress of symptoms
 - a. This new coronavirus is not heat-resistant and is known to die at a temperature of 26-27 degrees Celsius (79-81 degrees Fahrenheit). Novel Coronavirus is vulnerable to solar heat.
 - b. Dry cough without runny nose, high fever of over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, difficulty breathing, and neck pain for 3 to 4 days can be the possible symptoms of COVID-19.
 - c. In 5-6 days after being exposed, the virus in the throat mixes with the liquid and goes into the airway and lungs and causes viral pneumonia.
 - d. If you have pneumonia, high fever and dyspnea occur.
 - e. The symptoms of stuffy nose are different from the normal case. It develops severe difficulty breathing like breathing in the water.
 - f. If you experience any of the above symptoms, please contact a as well as your senior pastor (Sungheum Lee: 267-934-9452).
- 3) How COVID-19 Spreads?
 - a. When an infected person sneezes, the virus flies approximately 10 feet (about 3 meters) and falls to the ground.
 - b. However, if the virus lands on a metal surface, it will survive for at least 12 hours. If you touch a metal surface, be sure to wash your hands as quickly as possible with a disinfectant or soap.
 - c. The virus can survive for 6 to 12 hours if it lands on a textile. However, since this virus can be dead by a general laundry detergent, laundering clothes can help.
- 4) What can I do to protect myself?
 - a. Because the virus can survive on your hands for 5 to 10 minutes, wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds each time.
 - b. Drinking warm water is effective against all viruses. Drinking plenty of warm water is a great help. Please avoid drinking cold water with ice.
 - c. Brush your teeth frequently, or even gargling. It is good to rinse your mouth with warm-salt water.