

March 20, 2020

***Dear Family of RPC:***

We are in a season of unpredictability and uncertainty, a time when many of us will be feeling a distinct lack of control over issues that matter deeply to us. Many of us cannot work as usual, cannot connect with family, friends and loved ones as we'd like, cannot participate in the regular activities that bring joy and happiness to our lives as we normally would do. Events around the world and right in our communities seem beyond our ability to impact and they can leave us frustrated, worried and afraid.

In this season of Lent, we are reminded that we believe and trust in a God who is with us, with all of us, with all creation and that this God has loved us so profoundly that God came to us in human form in the person of Jesus of Nazareth that through his incarnation, his life, death and resurrection, we would be freed from fear, from our sin, darkness and brokenness, so that we might live in ways that embody and bear witness to the kingdom of God and the love of Jesus in our midst. We are called to be a people of hope, courage, patience and love, never more than now. We are to live in such a way, as the church, the body of Christ and as members of it, so that when people see us, they might see something of Jesus in us.



While our worship in person has been suspended for the time being, we are working faithfully to offer ways of being connected in community through livestreamed worship services. These will be offered each Sunday at our usual time of 10 a.m.

There are two ways you can access the livestreams.

1. For those who wish to access our livestream via **Facebook**, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/Richpres/>

If you do not have a Facebook account, don't worry when it asks you to log in – just click the **NOT NOW** at the very bottom of the pop-up.

2. For those who wish to access our livestream via **YouTube**, please go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChqAX2ogt9cgJ-04uSI\\_P7g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChqAX2ogt9cgJ-04uSI_P7g)

Both sites will have the livestream of the worship starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Please also subscribe to the pages so that you can get notification when new posts are uploaded.

The church office will be emailing you the Worship Bulletin. The Bulletin will have the worship service printed, along with words for the music so that you can follow along.

If you would like to support the ministry of the church with your offerings, and you are not on **PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance program) you can mail in your donation to the church office at 7111 No. 2 Road, Richmond BC, V7C 3L7. Make sure that your name and address are on the envelope so that we can receipt you accordingly.

For those of you on **PAR**, thank you – using PAR makes it super easy for our envelope secretary. If you are interested in getting set up on PAR, please contact the church office.

#### Some other news around our response to the COVID-19 situation:

- We will be continuing our Bible Studies online through zoom meetings. Notices will be emailed prior to the studies. Please join us as you are able.
- Samuel, one of our members and a student for ministry at the Vancouver School of Theology, has graciously offered to shop for groceries for anyone who either cannot go out or does not wish to go out at this time. Please contact Samuel to arrange timing. All you need to do is pay for the cost of your groceries. You can contact the church office at 604-277-5410 and we'll get you in touch with Samuel. Thanks Samuel!
- Janet and Steve are both trained counsellors with many years of experience and they are also elders of the congregation. Steve and Janet are available for those who may wish to speak about any issues that may be causing some anxiety or stress related to the current situation. All matters will be confidential. Contact the church and your email address will be forwarded to them. Thanks to Janet and Steve!
- Please continue to be in contact with your elder for pastoral care issues, or if there is an emergency, please contact **Rev. Kim** directly at 604-671-2130.