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Dear EPC Family and Friends ~

First, thank you for your extensive participation in the formal survey sent out by Worship Committee and the informal conversations with elders and with Pastor Phyl this past month, as we look for the safest ways to engage in worship going forward. The ongoing commitment of our entire church family to be flexible, offer grace, and serve as the Holy Spirit moves us this year is overwhelming. What a blessing to be part of EPC!

Next, with Fall fully upon us and Winter coming, with prayerful consideration, and with follow-up consultation from the Lyon County Public Health department, Session has approved **indoor worship services at West Campus beginning 18 October** through the end of 2020 alongside our online worship services. Session will continue to monitor COVID-19 numbers in our community as well as local health recommendations. Should a change in this plan be needed, you will be notified as soon as possible. Additionally, the Session continues to work on a phased reopening of our buildings as conditions and liability concerns allow. At this time, use of the facilities is considered on a case-by-case basis during our regular, stated Session meetings.

Again, **online worship will continue** for the foreseeable future. Worship Committee is working on ways to enhance our online worship for All Saints, Advent, and Christmastide. If you are interested and able to help by reading, sharing memories, writing a short devotion, singing or playing an instrument, please let Pastor Phyl know. **Indoor worship** will mirror our outdoor services with worshippers wearing masks, maintaining appropriate social distancing, no singing, and the shortened worship format we've been using since the Spring.

Elders are happy to visit with any member of the EPC family who has questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Session elders or Pastor Phyl any time.

*O LORD ... Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

~Psalm 139:1,7-10

*Yours in Christ,
Emporia Presbyterian Church Session*