



21 March 2022

Dear EPC Family and Friends –

Session reviewed the congregational *Measures of Care* once more at our March stated meeting. Elders visited with congregation members, particularly families with children under 5 who are not yet vaccine eligible, took into account current local health numbers alongside broader health guidance, and prayerfully considered the best way forward for our church family.

Effective Sunday, March 27, the attached *Measures of Care* will be in place. Masks will be optional in worship and for all other church activities. If you are feeling unwell, you are encouraged to continue masking in worship or worship from home. Online worship will continue. Do please continue to show care and consideration for members of the church family who remain at higher risk as COVID-19 remains a real and present concern.

Session will continue to monitor the situation in our local community and will continue to review our *Measures of Care* as we plan for Summer and Fall. Should further revisions be needed between regular reviews, Session will work hard to keep every member of our church family informed.

Elders will be calling each member of the EPC family over the next few days to update you on these changes and check in. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Session elders and/or Pastor Phyl with questions, concerns, or needs as they arise.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

~Romans 15:13

*Yours in Christ,
Emporia Presbyterian Church Session*

Measures of Care

Please stay home and worship online if you are not feeling well,
including (but not limited to) fever, low-grade fever, cough, sneezing, respiratory / flu-like symptoms.

Building Norms / Care of God's House:

- Masks are optional during worship, events, and activities.
- Masking remains welcome for those who are more comfortable doing so. A small supply of masks will remain available in the sanctuary.
- 6' social distancing will be practiced.
- The nursery is open but unstaffed.

Worship Norms / Care for the Congregation:

- Wave at or bow to neighbors to Pass the Peace.
- Offering plates are stationed by the doors.
- Communion elements will be distributed in worship, or you may bring your own on communion Sundays.
- Online worship will continue in addition to in-person worship.

Personal Norms / Care for our Neighbors:

- Online worship will continue in addition to in-person worship.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.
- Worship online if you or a member of your household does not feel well.
- Extend grace and empathy to all and to self.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,
you did it to me." ~Matthew 25:40*

Thank you for taking care of our church family and our community in God's name.
