



12 September 2022

Dear EPC Family and Friends ~

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

With great thanksgiving and after two long years, Session relaxed many of our congregational *Measures of Care* at our September stated meeting. Masking remains optional and welcome in worship and all other church activities. We continue to encourage you to worship from home or mask in-person, if you are feeling unwell. Online worship will continue. **The church nursery is back open and fully staffed on Sunday mornings.** And, do please continue to show care and consideration for members of the church family as COVID-19 remains a real and present concern and will remain a concern for the foreseeable future.

Session will continue to review our *Measures of Care* periodically. Should further revisions be needed, either to reinstate or relax measures further, Session will work hard to keep every member of our church family informed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Session elders and/or Pastor Phyl with questions, concerns, or needs as they arise.

*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 for 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.
- Please be mindful and respectful of others who may prefer to practice social distancing.
- The nursery is open and staffed.

Worship Norms / Care for the Congregation:

- Pass the Peace by being mindful and respectful of others who may prefer to practice social distancing. A wave or hug both convey Christ's 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.
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*"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.
