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Greetings, Trinitarians!

King David declared in Psalm 56:3, “But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you”. If we are honest, the many unknowns surrounding us could tempt us to become fearful; however, I compel us to take on the spirit of David and put our trust all the more in the Lord. Trusting in the Lord and having faith does not mean that we should not take precautions—it rightfully keeps us out of a state of fear and panic.

In these times, I pray that you are staying well and practicing the suggested handwashing, sanitizing, and other safety measures that have been passed down from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please know that the leadership of our church and Early Learning Center are working around the clock to stay abreast of the CDC protocols and implement them as best we can to protect our community and congregation from passing along illnesses.

Some of you may have heard that Governor Kemp advised schools and childcare centers to consider whether they should close for the next two weeks. Governor Kemp stressed that this decision should be made by local school owners/officials based on the whether there is any evidence of COVID 19 in the school or local area. We have been monitoring Trinity AME Early Learning Center carefully, and at this time, we have seen no evidence of the disease. Thus, we are remaining open so we can continue to educate our children. We will continue to keep a close watch daily and follow CDC guidance in making closure decisions. Out of an abundance of caution, Trinity AME Early Learning Center and Trinity AME Church will undergo a substantial cleaning on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Therefore, we will not hold any meetings or gatherings on this date.

At this time, we will still hold our Sunday worship experiences at 9:00am and 10:30am. Both services will be abbreviated to match the regular format of our 9:00am experience which will include selections from the music ministry, the sermon, altar call, and worship in giving. As we take precautions, we will suspend the greeting section and encourage limited physical contact such as not hugging, etc. Additionally, we will still have church conference on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00pm.

If you are ill or a part of the vulnerable population, I encourage you to take advantage of our streaming and worship with us virtually. Yes, Pastor C is actually telling you to stay home. However, I am not telling you to miss worship. Join us virtually and please give virtually as well through our website ([www.trinityamechurch.com](http://www.trinityamechurch.com)), app (TrinityAME) or texting GIVE to 877-697-0604.

*Please note: We will postpone our YPD Annual Day and outing to take extra precautions, as well as ensure that everyone has the opportunity to celebrate our youth's hard work.*

Trinity, you all are in my prayers, but most importantly—we are in the loving and protective hands of our Lord! Love you all!

Blessings,

Pastor C

Note: This information and procedures are subject to change based on directives from the national and local government, Connectional church leadership, and the CDC.

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