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Connect with God, **Grow** Together, and **Be Transformed** by the Holy Spirit

Announcement to the Congregation

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Last night the Consistory and Administration Team revisited current COVID-19 protocols and measures at FRC. In response to the recent calls by community leaders and health professionals for additional vigilance as a result of high positive test rates and hospitalizations locally/regionally, we are making some changes that are effective immediately.

Beginning today (11/11/2020) FRC will implement the following temporary changes:

- Mask wearing will now be required inside the FRC building ... this is the most basic message of this communication.

Additional specific details:

1. Mask wearing will be required during worship services. Masks are optional, but highly encouraged, while seated for the delivery of the sermon during worship services.
2. Mask wearing will be required during fellowship time. Food or beverage service is being temporarily suspended during fellowship time between services.
3. Middle and High School youth will be required to wear masks for youth gatherings except during meals. 6 foot social distancing is expected whenever possible.
4. Adventure Kids and Sunday School participants above age 5 will be required to wear masks except when medical conditions prevent them from being able to wear masks. 6 foot social distancing is expected whenever possible.
5. The Table meal service on Wednesday evenings is being temporarily suspended until further notice.
6. The Choir and Worship Teams will be required to wear masks, except those with medical conditions preventing them from being able to wear masks, or maintain a 12 foot social distance.
7. Exceptions to the mask requirement include children 5 years of age and under and those with medical conditions preventing them from being able to wear a mask.

We ask for your cooperation and compliance with these new temporary measures. These are no doubt unique and challenging times for our faith community. We recognize that Jesus is Lord and in control of all things and we trust that He will provide a path where these restrictions can be loosened again in time. Until then, stay strong, stay positive, and please encourage compliance ... and lead by example.

This was not an easy decision to come to, so we ask for your respect as we push forward together.