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JPC Family,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! It is our hope that the second half of 2020 will be better than the first! Before we get into the content of this letter let us first thank you, the congregation, for your continued support during the pandemic.

We also want to thank you for your participation in the recent survey. The responses were helpful and really gave the Reopening Task Force and the Session some insights and direction on how best to serve you during these times. Two responses rose to the top in the survey. They were continuing with virtual worship and offer outdoor worship in a safe manner. Because these two ways of worshiping were in such demand we thought why not offer both.

We will continue with virtual worship each Sunday at 10 AM. This will continue to be offered on Facebook and www.jamestownprez.org. We will continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of the month and will rotate between the two styles of worship we are accustomed to (contemporary and traditional).

In addition, we are going to offer an outdoor worship service Sunday, July 12th. This service will be offered at 9AM. Should everything go as we hope, and health officials do not further restrict gatherings, we will continue to offer outdoor worship for the remainder of July. Here are a few things you need to know about this service. The Session has decided that we should continue to follow the CDC guidelines for public gathering. That means we will limit the number of people in chairs, out of their cars to 25. We will also ask that if you are out of your car you wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines. There will be a Signup Genius published each week on Wednesday, at noon, to give everyone a chance to be outside and to help us know how to best set up parking. Everyone is welcome to come to the service and remain their cars if they do not wish to sit outside or if the spaces all get filled. If there is a large % chance of rain for a given Sunday, we will make the decision Friday to cancel the outdoor service and only offer virtual worship that week. We have heard your pleas for gathering and are trying to safely meet that request. If you are at risk or do not feel comfortable gathering, please continue to worship with us virtually. If you want to come and be a part of the JPC community in person, put on your Sunday best mask and we will see you outside!

Thank you for your prayers, support, and most importantly patience as we seek to remain an active community of faith while at the same time being smart and safe.

In Christ,

Jay Smith and Chip Cromartie