



Dear Church Family,

As the COVID-19 coronavirus begins to spread in Canada and our city, we are committed to care for you as our church family and to be vigilant in all our efforts to provide a safe environment for our worship together every Sunday.

As a leadership team, we have been praying, considering the information and discussing our response to the statement of our provincial health leaders that “we have a window of opportunity for Alberta to slow the spread of the virus.”

As a result, we have cancelled the Sunday Morning Service for March 15 as well as postponed the AGM for now. **Instead of gathering for Sunday Morning Worship this week, and possibly next week, we will be posting sermons via video on the church website. We have also cancelled all mid-week events.**

According to Alberta Health Services, the current risk level for infection in Calgary is low. However, our provincial health leaders are cancelling all large group gatherings over 250 people. Though this mandate does not include places of worship, we still feel that it is wise to join in temporarily suspending our public gathering on Sunday mornings as we are close to 200 every Sunday. The recommendations for large group gatherings in general, also suggests that groups of any size need to consider those who may be susceptible to the virus. We also encourage you to undertake proper hygiene practices to help you and those that you may come in contact with.

We know that God is in control and as a result we are making every effort to pray, consider carefully and plan practically for our response on the weekends to come.

We will continue to communicate updates through our website, email, and phone calls as needed. If you are not currently in our directory and would like to receive notice regarding our services please subscribe to an email update by sending an email to [info@firstbaptistcalgary.net](mailto:info@firstbaptistcalgary.net)

*God has not given to us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7*

Please join with me, as we pray for each other and for wisdom to serve our neighbors, city, province, and world with the hope of the Gospel.

Trusting our Lord, together, in these days,

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“According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1Peter 1:3