

## **First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg - Pandemic Action Plan**

*This policy has been created to fit the needs of our congregation. In most cases we will follow the local and state health agencies and local school district's action plans. Additional information from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been incorporated. FPC Session may adapt this policy as critical information becomes available.*

### **Level 1: Standard Operating Procedure**

#### **Level 2: Monitoring** (*possible pandemic cases are reported in the media*)

- Church open
- Increase sanitation practices throughout the building
- Increase food handling precaution (including Communion elements)
- Encourage those who are ill, medically vulnerable, and those who have traveled to infected areas to stay home
- Session meets to coordinate preparedness plan
- Work with Pastor, Deacons, and other leaders to begin ways to care for the FPC community spiritually in a time of heightened anxiety, isolation, and increased illness
- Begin to find ways to gather using technology
- Communicate plan to the congregation

#### **Level 3: Limiting** (*pandemic cases are confirmed in PA or nearby states*)

- Church open for all FPC activities only (no outside users—reschedule as possible)
- Continue increased sanitation practices
- No food will be served
- Encourage safe distancing in worship gatherings
- Encourage ministries to postpone activities to prevent community spread

#### **Level 4: Closing** (*multiple pandemic cases confirmed in the nearby communities and local schools are closed*)

- FPC buildings closed except necessary maintenance and administrative tasks
- Staff and leaders work from home where applicable
- All non-essential meetings and gatherings postponed and rescheduled if possible
- Institute modified worship service in online capacity
- In the event of a confirmed case in the building, no one shall be allowed in the building until deep cleaning.