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Dear Cornerstone Church Family,

When we suspended in-person worship because of the COVID-19 pandemic, I talked about the importance of navigating these uncertain waters trusting the Lord and being wise. With the “flattening of the curve” of COVID-19 cases in Codington County, our trust in the Lord and a wise approach enables us to resume in-person worship on Sunday, May 10th! We will do so in a way that enables us to maintain physical distance to do our part in keeping the curve flat. Every other row of chairs in the Worship Center will be removed and I ask that you maintain a 2-3 seat distance between yourself and non-family members.

Our plan for resuming in-person worship:

- If you feel sick, for your sake and the sake of others, please do not attend worship.
- If you are over 65 and/or have health concerns, the medical community advises you to stay home.
- Since our seating capacity will be reduced from 728 to around 225, the Sunday Worship Service schedule will be changed during this interim time to three 45 minutes services with 30 minutes in between to allow easy entry and exit. If you normally attend the 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service I ask that you choose to attend a Contemporary service according to your last name, assuring we will have adequate room with our reduced seating capacity.
 - 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. – Traditional
 - 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – Contemporary (Last names A – K)
 - 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Contemporary (Last names L – Z)
- I ask that you wear a mask/facial covering to keep yourself and others safe. We will have some masks/facial coverings available in the Atrium.
- Maintain a 2-3 seat distance between yourself and non-family members.
- Greeters will be opening the outside doors to minimize the number of hands touching doors.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use outside each Atrium Restroom.
- Offering will be received in baskets as you exit each service.
- During this first phase of resuming in-person worship we will not be serving coffee and donuts, we will not offer Nursery, Children’s Church or Sunday school, and we will not serve Communion.
- Groups and classes may choose to resume as long as they can arrange to meet in a space that allows for physical distancing.

This is an interim arrangement. As the number of COVID-19 cases remain flat and decreases we will be able to resume gathering for worship in our accustomed manner, resuming Nursery, Children’s Church, Sunday School, and coffee and donuts!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

In Christ,

Steve Anderson, Senior Pastor