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Grace and Peace!

The session has been trying to find a way for us to safely worship together again, when the time is right, and that raises some questions. When we do get together, do we wear masks? Will masks be mandatory? Can we sing? Do we sit far away from each other? What if a big crowd shows up?

Questions abound, so please know that we are discussing all of this. We have tentatively looked at July as a time to reconvene in the sanctuary, but that is only penciled in, and the actual date will have to do with what else is going on in the county, specifically, with COVID-19 cases.

I would like to know what ideas you have. Should we limit the number of people at a service? Should we decide who is at risk, or leave that up to individuals? Should we all be ushered in and ushered out, so as not to form a crowd at the back of the sanctuary? Do you feel safe coming together? If we did have a service at the church on a Sunday morning, would you come?

In the end, the session will have some difficult decisions to make. But these are important decisions and I would like to have your thoughts as well. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the elders to let us know what you are thinking.

As a side note, I should mention that in this difficult time, you have done a really admirable job of supporting your church financially. With all the other things we have to worry about right now, I am glad we do not have to worry too much about that as well. Thanks!

It was suggested that I attach a copy of this week's bulletin to my weekly emails, so you will find that attached to this email. Maybe it will make Sunday morning's worship go a little more smoothly.

If you have announcements for worship, please do not hesitate to get them to me.

Please be in prayer for our denomination as General Assembly meets (or does not) online. Janice Palmer is the Presbytery's commissioner to GA this year, so I am sure she will have interesting things to tell us when the dust settles.

I am surely looking forward to the day when we can all be together again, in the same room, in relative safety. I can hardly wait.

Blessings,

Brian Jones