Coronavirus Alert

We are all well aware of the current outbreak of this very dangerous virus. It is very likely that our community will be dealing with it directly and as a church we want to do all we can to ensure as safe an environment as possible. With that in mind, we have taken the following steps:

1. As has been encouraged by several sources:

 - Stay home if you are coughing or not feeling well

 - Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 sec.

 - Cough into you upper arm not your hand

 - Use the available hand sanitizer

 - Limit hugs and embraces as much as possible

2. If you should feel sick while at church move to the café where you can be isolated until you can leave.

3. Sign up to receive the church newsletter and FaceBook as the means for updates and or cancelations..

4. Each week we will do our best to wipe down all door handles and flat surfaces with a disinfectant prior to our Sunday worship.

5. We are asking all food handlers to wear gloves

6. We have purchased combination communion cups.

7. Finally – if you are unable to attend on Sunday, please consider making use of our on-line giving through our website at [www.northbaychurch.org](http://www.northbaychurch.org).

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A recent trip to our local Walmart revealed the fear that has captivated our land. Have you noticed a difference between the response of the world in which we live verses the faith that we profess? “Bold decrees of faith, not confessions of fear and worry, should be exploding out of our mouths!”

Of all the people facing this virus, we should be beacons of hope. This can be a golden moment for the church of Jesus Christ to demonstrate hope and love. This is our opportunity to show our neighbors how powerful Jesus is and how different are his children. We are not given to fear, we are more than conquerors.

I encourage you to read Psalm 91. Our initial strategy is to reject fear, proclaim hope not stockpile toilet paper. We do not live by fear but by faith and this is a prime time for our neighbors to see the difference. Doubt is hanging before our nation. Dread has come. The lost live in fear, the redeemed, you and me, are the ones with the answer, the solution, the antidote!

**A 15 minute prayerful repose**

* Read [Psalm 91](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+91&version=NASB) out loud as a declaration of faith.
* Make this statement, “It’s time for God’s people to rise up. We fear none other than God, and we will, as a unified army, assault the darkness and laugh at the threats. We will take our stand and let the world see we are fearless, relentless, and full of the fire of the Holy Spirit!”
* Be driven with a passion for the lost and intercede for “those who don’t know Jesus
* Cry out for a great awakening in our nation!

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