Dear First Christian Church members and friends:

Since our government is now taking action to curb the spread of the Coronavirus by cancelling fan attendance at sporting events, I believe it’s time for our church to take responsibility for curbing it’s spread in our area. Therefore, we will suspend use of the church building outside of Sunday Morning Worship indefinitely effective Monday, March 16, 2020.

I'm reluctant to close our church on Sunday so worship this Sunday, March 15 will be modified to limit contact between everyone present. It will consist of music by Rev. Larry (no choir) and scripture reading and sermon by Dr. Robbie (no lay readers). Communion will be administered by coming forward to receive a prepackaged loaf and cup and deposit offerings.

There will be no Sunday school, children's church or youth group.

Those who choose to attend should wash their hands with soap and water upon arrival, refrain from shaking hands and use a fist or elbow bump instead, cough or sneeze into a handkerchief, Kleenex or their elbow and not touch their faces until they can wash their hands again. Attendees should sit six feet apart and should seriously consider watching the service at home by live stream.

It will be live streamed on our website (firstchristianchurch.org) and Facebook (First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Ashland, Kentucky).

Members and friends are asked to stay home if they are sick, think they might be getting sick, are elderly or have compromised immune systems.

The sequence for Sunday is as follows: A/V team begins the Facebook feed at 10:45 a.m.; Rev Larry plays the prelude; Dr. Robbie welcomes everyone and makes announcements including status of church use during the upcoming week; Dr. Robbie reads a scripture, gives sermon and invites elders forward for Communion; after Words of Institution and elders prayers those present will be invited to come forward to receive communion and place offerings in plates at front. (We will leave the
service running during the Lord's Supper if folks watching the live feed want to partake on their own at home) Rev. Larry will play music while everyone is partaking of the Lord's Supper and then Dr. Robbie will conclude with prayer and we will all disperse for home (no coffee fellowship).

The bulletin and Echoes are available on the church website: firstchristianchurch.org or click here.

You may wish to check https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019 or Coronavirus.org for up to date information concerning this Pandemic.

Let us join together in prayer that this virus will end and we will work together to keep everyone well and safe!