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Thank you all for wearing your mask and maintaining at least 6 feet social distancing from the next individual and/or family group! A few other items to remember:

- The bathrooms are available, and hand sanitizer is available by the bathroom doors.
- The church service will only be a half hour in length. Please keep coats, hats, and other personal items with you.
- You are encouraged to put your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the church.
- For the time being, there will be no singing or speaking in unison, as with the liturgy and prayers. You may mouth the words in bold silently-- speaking them in your heart and mind.
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There will be no Sunday School next Sunday or January 3. Classes will resume on January 10.

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