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'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11:28-30

Greetings, Beloved OPC Community,

Our digital landscape has certainly made a lot of things much easier to bear in our current time. It seems many have taken to "zoom" like a fish to water! Further, online worship has seemed like a pretty natural fit! We are aware of those of you still encountering difficulty with both and remain eager to ensure all have access to these tools.

The other side of the digital landscape is that we're easily bombarded with news, articles, and conversation about the effects of Covid-19. The flow of this information can be absolutely overwhelming. It can feel like a burden at times to carry the weight of what the world is facing. If you are feeling overwhelmed in that way, I encourage you to take a break from the computer or phone. Go outside if you're able. Work on a craft project, read a book, meditate or pray. Engage your creative side. Above it all, hear the words from Christ written above, reminding you that Christ gives rest for our souls. Christ's yoke is easy, so offer up those burdens and fears to Christ, and know we do not spend this time alone.

Recent Updates

- Due to the city of Brookhaven's recent shelter-in-place order, Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church **offices will be closed through April 15th**. The staff will continue to work remotely, however, so know you may reach out to them via email as you are able. Thank you for your grace with us as we make this transition.
- Also due to the shelter-in-place order, since our church is not considered an "essential service," we will not be permitted to stream our service from the church building. However, **we will still plan to stream worship at 11am Sunday** from our homes for the time being. This stream will, once again, be available on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/opcbrookhaven/>. A link to the specific stream will be sent out that morning for those who do not have a facebook account - you should still be able to view the video. We are also working to ensure these videos are available in other places after worship concludes.
- Church leadership is hard at work finding ways to keep adults and children engaged with God and one another. Stay tuned for ways we will provide fellowship and education opportunities for all through Holy Week and beyond. Until then, our small groups meet

digitally for one more week. Stay tuned for what's next and let us know if you have any creative ideas.

Lastly, remember that if you, or someone you know, is in need of pastoral care assistance, please don't hesitate to call our pastoral care number: 404-233-5460.

Stay tuned for updates as they become available. Please heed the orders of our local officials. May you remain safe and healthy, and know that you are loved.

In the healing power of Jesus Christ,
Mike Watson