

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Recently we have watched the alarming trend of increased cases of COVID 19 in eastern Ontario. The Provincial government has given churches the opportunity to remain open to welcoming in person worship in its current rules and regulations. While we can, it doesn't necessarily mean that we should. This question was the only topic of an emergency meeting of Congregational Council, Monday December 20 and it was decided that in a effort to do our part to protect the staff, volunteers, members of the congregation, and the community we would change our plans for Christmas Eve and no longer offer the ability to attend in person. Instead, we will be live streaming the 4:00PM and 9:00PM services through the usual channels with a return to pre-recorded services starting December 26 and continuing until Council and the reopening committee feel it is safe to once again welcome people back into the church for in-person services.

For many of us, we are seeking the opportunity to return to traditions we cherish, seeing members of the community we are missing and frankly for COVID to be over. I know that this news will be disappointing to many and I want to assure the members of Trinity that the decision was not made lightly and with the safety and good health of all the members of our community in mind. I was reminded this morning by some person talking about the prospects of another winter with lockdowns and isolation that sometimes it is darkest before the dawn. I have hope that this is the case and we are getting close to a return to the traditions, coming together and community life we are all dearly missing, especially at this time of year.

As we get closer to the Christmas holiday, Alison, Peter, Noah and myself would like to extend the warmest of greetings and a wish that you all stay safe, healthy, and in the spirit for Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in person at a Trinity service sooner rather than later.

Merry Christmas,
Todd