



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO HOLD
"VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE"

Dear FPC Family,

You know this, and I know this, but still, it is nice to be reminded of the many talented and dedicated people we have in our midst whom God calls upon in times of need.

I will mention names later, but for now I will call these amazing folks the “Virtual Worship Team” (I was going to call them the “Genius Squad,” but they were too modest to accept that designation). Thanks to the efforts of the Virtual Worship Team, I can share with you the glad news that we have determined how to broadcast a pre-recorded worship service this Sunday morning, March 29th.

This is our first time at this, so please be patient as we figure things out and then work to improve them. Moreover, after we try this, we want your feedback. Please call or email the church office with your ideas, suggestions, criticisms, etc. None of our work will be meaningful if it is not pleasing to you.

For right now (but, again, we shall continue to improve), here are our plans:

- In advance of our worship this Sunday, we will circulate (tomorrow, we pray) by mail and email a copy of the Worship Bulletin for this Sunday. Have it with you when you sit down to watch the worship service.
- As you will quickly see, it will be an abridged worship service for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, the service will not be interactive. Robert will play some hymns, and while you can sing at home (in fact, please do!), we will not be able to hear one another. For the same reason, there will be no responsive readings. Finally, your preacher will not have had time to prepare a customary sermon. I will read scripture and liturgy, and I may have time to prepare a brief devotional, but for right now, our main purpose is to gather collectively, even if “virtually,” to worship as God’s faithful community.
- Robert Wyatt and I will pre-record the worship service on Saturday morning, March 28th. He will play music, and I will conduct the spoken parts of the service. Right now, we have no capacity to put legends or titles on the recording we will be making, so you will just have to follow along with the worship bulletin we will soon circulate. Also, for now, the camera will not move much (if at all). When Robert is playing music, the screen will be focused on the Chancel.
- After we record the service, our Virtual Worship Team will “upload” the service to

the FPC Facebook page on Saturday afternoon, and after that the video will be available for viewing on Sunday morning, March 29th, at any time you want to-- and, happily, at any later time or date should you want to watch it again or later share it with friends.

This is how you access the service if you have a computer. If you do not have a computer, you will at least have received the Worship Bulletin. In addition, next week we will explore how we might circulate our services on a DVD disk to be played on DVD players that are connected to television sets. Please be patient the with Virtual Worship Team, however, as we figure this out one step at a time.

- On your computer's internet browser, go to *www.facebook.com/fpcofvictoria*. Notice carefully: we are not talking about the church's website (which is *www.fpcofvictoria.org*) but rather the church's Facebook page.
- This will take you to our Facebook page where you will have three options presented in the upper right-hand corner: "sign in;" "create new account;" or "not now." First and foremost, you can simply click on "not now." If you already have a Facebook account you can sign in (also if you have a friend or family member [think, grandchild!] who has a Facebook account, you can ask them to let you sign with their information). Finally, if you want to, you can create your own new Facebook account for personal use. Again, however, all you really need to do is click on "not now."
- Once you are on the FPC Facebook page (per any of the actions described above), look at the list in a column on the left-hand side of the page. Find and click on the word "video." Once you do that, you should be able to see the video labeled "2020-03-29 Worship Service." Click on that and, if all goes well, the video should start. Notice that you can do this anytime you want; you do not have to try to click on the video exactly at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, March 29, 2020. Once the video is "posted," you can click on it whenever you want to.
- If you are defeated, do not despair! Call the church office on Monday, and we will take you through the process over the phone.

Finally, the coronavirus is no laughing matter, and your Pastor is constantly sensitive to the fears and apprehensions of everyone who is worried about themselves and their loved ones in the face of this awful pandemic. If you or someone you love is especially anxious about COVID-19, or, heaven forbid, may have contracted it, please call me so that we may pray together.

At the same time, perhaps an occasional bit of humor will help restore our balance and our perspective-- not “dark humor,” but good-natured humor that expresses our sense of optimism and courage as, with our sovereign God’s ever-present strength and help, we walk through whatever valley of fear confronts us. In that spirit, I pass along the following in the hopes of brightening your day:



In closing, please stay alert for further communications from the Church Office, and please call me if you want to talk or join me in prayer. As a reminder, the Ruling Elders currently serving on our Session are doing a “call around” to our members

this week. If you have needs or concerns, please share those with the Elder who calls you. "They shall know we are Christians by our love."

Peace, grace, and mercy,
Your Pastor



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