

Dear Congregation,

For the next season, the way we do church will change. With the restrictions on gatherings of over 50 people, we have decided to move to full Online Live Streaming services. Sunday morning at 10, you will be able to go to our Fort Macleod Alliance Church Facebook page, or (hopefully) find a link on our website that will take you to the Facebook page, where you can participate in our Live Streaming Service. "Participate" is the key word. We want this to be as interactive as possible where you can take part in comments during and after the service. Some may choose to gather in small groups or as extended family and friends to participate in the Streaming service together. We would encourage you to try to limit those gatherings to 10 – 20 people but recognize that you will arrange yourselves as works best for your situation. Please refrain from gathering with others if you or your family are showing any symptoms of Covid-19. We want this to be more than "watching" a service. We want to learn how to lead in worship and spiritual care in interactive ways through a virtual platform. We ask your patience with some of the hiccups as we learn. The church doors will remain open for a small group of 10 – 20 (let us know in advance if you are planning this) who may wish to join the streaming team at the church, but for the most part we will be encouraging people to participate from home. Most other face to face group gatherings have been cancelled or postponed till a later date. Decisions on summer ministries will be made as we have more clarity going forward.

We want to continue to be a spiritual community that connects and cares for one another as we encourage one another to draw close to God and be faithful in following Him. Please give particular attention to connecting and checking in on the seniors and more vulnerable of our church and community. Ministry engagement is never without risks, but we need to be mindful of shouldering potential risks upon ourselves and not on the people we are seeking to care for. That is why we are distancing, so that we do not become the risk for someone else. This season will pass. God is good. If we are attentive to His Spirit we may grow in Him in ways we simply couldn't have imagined in our regularly anticipated routines. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18).

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Pastor Kevin or one of our church Elders and we will do our best to respond to them.

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin