

Dear Front Street Family,

STOPPING IN-PERSON WORSHIP BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY, NOV 29

In light of Alamance County's move to Red on the State's County Alert Map

(<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/county-alert-system>), we will immediately stop in-person worship beginning with the Sunday after Thanksgiving. That means beginning this Sunday, November 29, we will return to online-only worship.

As always, you are invited to go to the church's website (frontstreetumc.org), click on the Worship@Home graphic, and it will take you to the screen where you can click on the YouTube link to participate in the online worship service.

We are sorry to have to make this return to online-only worship. However, we feel that in light of the rapidly increasing number of COVID cases in our own county, such a move is the most responsible decision we can make. It also demonstrates a solidarity with the rest of the community in which we live.

Our present thinking is that when Alamance County returns to a Yellow status on the State's County Alert Map, our COVID Task Force will revisit this decision. I continue to be humbled and grateful at the supportive nature of the Front Street congregation as we continue to assess and pivot as needed. These are not easy decisions, and your support of your church and her leadership means a great deal. Thank you!

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PASTORAL CARE

We want to continue to be responsive to pastoral care needs, and to honor the spirit of social distancing the Pastoral Care Staff will do the vast majority of pastoral care visits via telephone. That will ensure that we do not inadvertently spread any viral contamination we may have picked up in the community.

If you would like to receive a call, or would find regular contact from the church a comfort, please let the church office know.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Even in the midst of a pandemic there are plenty of ways that God continues to bless each of us. Sometimes we just have to dig a bit deeper in our minds to think of them. However, the more we think in ways that center on gratitude, the more we will find reasons for a grateful spirit each day. So, although this year's might not be your ideal Thanksgiving holiday, I pray you will put extra effort into finding reasons to have a grateful heart, and offer your praise to our Heavenly Father.

Grace and peace,
Ross

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