

January 2021 Covid Update



Dear Trinity Family,

The Covid Response Team met & discussed at length, the current status of our community in light of Covid-19. Our health system is continuing to be overburdened as cases of the coronavirus continue to surge. Many of us have family and friends that are struggling with the virus or the threat of the virus and as a result, many of our own holiday traditions have been interrupted. Our health department is begging everyone to be extremely cautious as we make daily choices of how to interact with others outside of our household.

As a team appointed by consistory to discern the best response to this health crisis, we have decided to continue to pause our in-person worship through **January 17, 2021**. We believe that, as Christians, we can show our love to our local community by doing our part in reducing the chance of spread of this virus. We would much rather have our body healthy and providing some sort of positive impact in our community than potentially being a burden on the healthcare system.

In the meantime, we are so very fortunate to utilize the technology available to us during this time of virtual worship. You may listen to our services via radio on WHTC on Sundays at 9:30am, via Facebook Live at Trinity Church-Holland, or you can live stream our service from our website at www.trinityrc.org.

We will continue to communicate through our weekly bulletins & our monthly Connections newsletters which are both posted on our website. If you do not have access to internet and are not already on our mailing list to receive printed material, please call the church office at [616-396-6526](tel:616-396-6526) to receive the mailings. (The office remains closed at this time, but messages are checked periodically.)

Please know that it is with heavy hearts that we have made this decision to continue to worship virtually, for now at least. Our love and care for you, your extended families and our community has led us to this choice as the best response. May God bless you and may you feel His loving arms around you during these especially trying times.

Trinity's Covid Response Team

Elder Gregg Harper

Pastor Phil

Elder Jan VanAuken

Pastor Deb

Deacon Steve Lundy

Dear Friends,

It was with much sadness that the "Covid response team" decided to pause in-person worship. We know that scripture teaches us to gather faithfully and how valuable that time is. Some of you came regularly to worship in person, and others of you faithfully listen on the radio or Facebook live. We miss shaking hands, sharing smiles, seeing the children & engaging in Sunday coffee conversation.

Now we are asked to pause the habit we hold so dear, but we are not asked to pause in showing love to the folks we miss. Do you have a phone? Do you use email or Facebook? Do you have note cards, paper, envelopes and stamps? If you do, then go to the Lord in prayer and ask him to bring to mind someone who you might enjoy talking with on a "normal" Sunday morning during coffee time. Who do you connect with there, and who has reached out to you at times? Who would you like to get to know a little better? Who might need a listening ear right now or some encouragement? Who have you been wondering about? Listen for the Lord's ideas for you, then do it! You will be a blessing! This is our mission field right now!

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