

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

With the new restrictions coming into effect for Toronto tomorrow, and after much prayer and discernment, the clergy and wardens of ASK have decided to suspend in-person worship and move back to solely live-streaming our common worship on Sunday mornings.

This was not an easy decision and not one taken lightly. Our protocols are good, safe and effective. Those who have been coming out to in-person worship have felt protected, connected and engaged. This is good.

However, we also have a duty to heed recommendations from our Public Health officials and act as faithfully and responsibly as we can. As Deacon Jennifer put it this week, "as Christians we are called to demonstrate Christ's sacrificial love for all members of our society both within and outside the walls of our church." It is out of this love that we act, not out of fear.

As we move back to only online worship, we recognize the need to stay connected as the family of God that we are. With that in mind, we will be adding a zoom coffee hour after church so we can all connect together (see faces, hear voices, judge each other's pajamas!).

Our plan at this point is to reassess the situation leading up to the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29th) and see what Toronto Public Health and other officials will be recommending based on the science and data at that time.

Let us not lose hope! Let us bless the Lord together and worship His holy name!

If you have any questions or concerns, please make them known either to us, or to any of the pastoral staff or wardens.

Grace and peace,

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Deacon Jennifer