



# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Beloved St. Andrew Community,

As you are aware, St. Andrew has suspended worship for at least the next two weeks. We are committed to protecting our community and caring for each other physically and spiritually.

The Session has formed a task force to guide St. Andrew as this situation develops. As a team, we have been meeting daily to review the guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, the King County and the Seattle Presbytery to make informed and deliberate decisions.

With guidance from these officials and considerations of our values, we have decided to meet remotely over the next few Sundays. Here is how we will serve our community:

On Sunday morning, you will receive an email guide for worship. We encourage you to gather as a family or small group to light a candle, pour some water, and hold this time as sacred. While it is not intended to mimic our weekly gathering, it will help us continue to worship God and tether our community together.

The staff of St Andrew is ready and excited to try different ways to celebrate as a community. We have many ideas and will be adjusting based on feedback from the congregation, so please let us know your thoughts and extend grace as we try new things. People without access to technology will receive written messages through the mail.

The deacons and staff will continue to check in with our parishioners. Any prayer requests should be submitted through deacons or to [Pat Sharpe](#). These will go out, as usual through the weekly St. Andrew prayers email distribution list.

We are a strong community. We do better together. St. Andrew is encouraging people to practice “social distance,” not “spiritual isolation.” If you are healthy and without risk factors, please continue to meet in small social groups. If you are 60 or over, are currently sick or if you have medical conditions, we strongly urge you to stay connected by phone or electronically rather than face-to-face to protect yourself and others. Reach out to the deacons, elders and staff if you are in need of prayers or have physical needs. We have resources to give.

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