



## **Worship News – Nov. 11, 2020**

The Worship Ministry Leadership Team is going to bring some changes to worship on the first weekend of Advent, Nov. 27-28, 2020.

- An in-person worship service with Holy Communion will be added on Saturdays at 5:30pm.
- Sunday in-person worship will move to 9am. (**NO in-person 11am service**)
- Both in-person worship services will be streamed live, online.
- All services will be available on Vimeo, anytime after a service concludes.
- Both in-person services will end with Holy Communion.

The new schedule will **provide relief from preparing** both live-streaming and pre-recorded video services each week. Saturday, and Early Sunday worshipers have asked when they would have the opportunity for live worship and the new schedule gives that opportunity to both.

Sunday attendance at 11am **currently makes** it difficult to have two live services on Sundays, so the move to 9am seeks to provide a time that could suit both former services and also allow time for Sunday classes to meet at 10:15am or later (The Education Team will determine that portion of the schedule).

When attendance at the 9am service reaches 175 for three weeks in a row or averages 175 for a month, two Sunday services will be offered to accommodate the increase and afford more opportunities to gather in worship.

We will continue to offer the midweek Holy Communion at Noon on Wednesdays. We are considering how we might provide communion for those who are unwilling to chance public gatherings, at this time.

These changes in worship seek to provide two distinct services of worship, both in-person and live-streamed, with the possibility of viewing the services at any time during the week. The changes will reduce the time and effort the musicians and pastors need to prepare the worship, those who ask the COVID questions, who greet, who usher, and who provide the technical assistance for the sound, video, and live-streaming for the services. This is a time when we want to put more energy into helping households to be the church where they are, so we are seeking to somewhat reduce the energy given to gather some of the congregation in worship. We are most thankful for all the efforts being made by musicians, pastors, and many assistants to provide the virtual services for the last 8 months.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to the worship Leadership Team: Brian Poe, Chair, Jane Leeling, Barbara Bryan, Lynn Straw, Stan Sacha, Pastor Gary Rueter and Music Director Michael Rossi. Email [info@poplc.org](mailto:info@poplc.org).