

Suggestions for Virtual Worship

Most of us have never worshiped this way and may be wondering how we can have a worship experience when we are sitting in our living room or at our kitchen table. Here are a few suggestions.

Be intentional that this is worship. Find a quiet place in the house. If possible, begin worship at your usual Sunday morning time so that you can worship virtually with the Saint Andrew community.

Prepare your space. Have a candle that we can light together at the beginning of worship, just as we do each week in gathered worship. Find communion elements. Bread and wine were common, every day food in Jesus' day, so use whatever you have handy. Coffee and toast. Tea and croissants. Pepsi and potato chips.

Mute your phone but keep it close-by. We will be passing the peace by sending a text. Prayerfully consider who in your contact list needs to receive the peace of Christ this week.

Include the family, including the kids. There will be a children's moment during the worship.

We will be concluding with the Peace Song, just as we always do. Here are the words

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Finally, a reminder from a song: *The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.* We are still God's people. Let us prepare to worship.