

Dear St. Andrew's Family,

Grace and Peace to all of you.

These are difficult and scary times for all of us. After consulting with your Bishop's Committee, I have decided to suspend Sunday Services through the month of March. This is a painful decision and yet I believe an important one. With the news changing every hour, we have decided to join other churches in our diocese, as well as other dioceses, who are making this difficult decision. I believe this is the best decision to make to protect our entire church family. This is about taking care of one another. Just today, the Children's Center Board met and we are closing the center through March.

I'm sure we have never had a season of Lent like this, but we will make it to Easter. The good news is that we do have a way to gather together in virtual space to engage in common prayer.

On Sunday morning at 10 AM Rick and I will meet you on Facebook for worship for a service of Morning Prayer. You can connect to this service either through Facebook (the preferred method) or through the St Andrew's Facebook stream on the church's website, standrewsirvine.org. Instructions will be available on the website. The bulletin will also be available for download on Saturday on the website. Everything can also be found under the heading, "Virtual St Andrew's".

Please know that the church office will be open and I will be available for any pastoral care that you may need. If you have any needs such as grocery shopping or picking up needed prescriptions, please let us know and we will relay that information to the food and prayer chain.

Rick and I are keeping all of you in our prayers.

God's Peace be with you,

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