

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

August 2020 Update



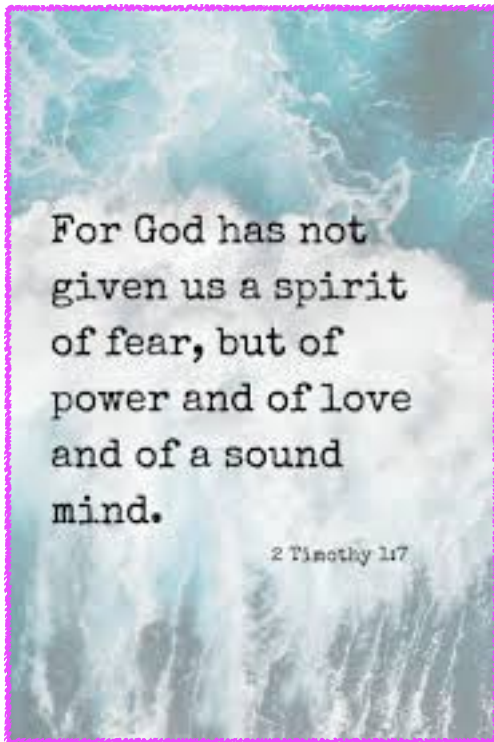
Greetings To Everyone,

Here it is the middle of August, what a strange year it has been for all of us. Everyone has suffered in some way, and everyone has gained something in some way. There has certainly been time for contemplation and quiet thought, which is so important in the spiritual life. But too, the times of isolation and separateness from family has been hard to bare. I am hoping you are all holding up as best you can.

We continue to be very appreciative of the support that you offer to the spiritual work being done by the church on your behalf. The church doors may be closed, but the on going support in the community continues. And we are appreciative of all the small kindnesses you extend to those around you, representing as you do, Christ in the world.

Here follow a few notes about what is going on in and around our pastoral charge. Note that there is a short survey on the last page to fill out. You can either do this physically, or phone it in to your care leader or clerk of session.

Every blessing this lovely August day, Candice



This CD can be downloaded from the website, but it is also in a CD form that you can play if you have a CD player. If you want one, just ask!

Sunday Morning Podcasts

Since the end of March we have been offering weekly podcasts. They follow our Sunday morning liturgy, with scripture readings, hymns, and a reflection.

For those who have not heard the podcasts but would like to be able to hear them, there are a number of different ways you can do this. Please call your clerk of session or myself or your care leader and we will help you find a way to hear them. They come out new every weekend.

Sunday Morning Songs to Sing Along

The podcasts have music in them - hymns, original music and contemporary songs, and instrumental music. Bruce has chosen 14 songs that will be well known to you and assembled them into a CD.

Primrose Plant Sale

The Gardening Ladies at Primrose have organized an on line sale of fall mums and planters, hostas, and irises. The fall planters come in all sizes, some perfect to cheer up your apartment or window sill for the fall. If you would like an order form, please contact Sharon Holmes at 519 306 0669.



Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours
Yours are the eyes with which He sees.
Yours are the feet with which He walks.
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all
the world.
Yours are the hands.

Gracious one,
Let us not walk through the beautiful summer
that lies ahead in blindness. Let us see in
every leaf, in every tree, in every star, in every
blue sky, the astonishing masterpiece that you
have created.

Every life is sacred. Every moment sacred.
Every aspect of nature sacred. Will you give
us the sight to see the holy ground upon
which we stand?

Grant us awareness of the beauty that
surrounds us this very day. And may we not
take for granted the landscape in which we
live, which has nourished us, and offers itself
to us so freely, and with such generosity.
May we be aware that you walk with us
always, every step of the way, every breath we
take.

And in this way, may we hear you, the
heartbeat of this world.

Amen.

To Open or Not to Open, Information and a Survey

Both Primrose and Trinity have a small task
force that has met to consider how and when
the churches should reopen for communal
worship. They have reviewed public health
information as well as information received
from our insurance provider.

The following are the protocols that would need
to be in place for the churches to re open. These



protocols will come to both councils when they
meet at the end of August and the beginning of
September for council approval. The boards will
then consider if and when to reopen for in
person worship.

Please read over the protocols concerning the
possible re opening of the churches in the fall
and fill out the attached survey. It is needed by
your councils in order to make a final decision
regarding reopening our buildings

If / when we resume worship, we will require
volunteers each Sunday to assist with screening
and ushering. Please consider if you would be
willing to help in these areas, and let Ann
McAlpine or Gail Brown know.

**We would like to have all the surveys done. by
August 20th**, as the task forces will be meeting
to gather information to prepare a
recommendation to their respective councils.
You can give your survey to your care group
leader or your clerk of session or arrange for it
to be picked up by calling them. Here are the
protocols that will need to be in place in order
for the churches to open again for worship.

Protocols

Health Screening Questionnaire - to be reviewed before coming to church

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COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire

		Yes	No
Do you have any of the following possible symptoms related to COVID-19?	Fever or chills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Cough or worsening chronic cough	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Difficulty breathing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Flu like symptoms (headache, sore throat, runny nose)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Unusual muscle or body aches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Atypical headache	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	New loss of taste or smell	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Nausea or vomiting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diarrhea	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you been in contact with someone who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you been advised by your physician or Public Health professional to be in self-isolation (currently or within the last 14 days)?		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

It is important to understand that opening up the churches does not mean that we will resume worship as it was before. Like many other things in the neighbourhood, church services will be altered. Churches are public buildings, and as such, need to follow more stringent guidelines than personal spaces.

These protocols are based on direction from Public Health, Western Ontario Waterways Region and our Insurance Provider. They are for the safety of our congregation, visitors and staff, and will most likely be in place until a vaccine is available.

•All those planning to attend church should review the health screening tool before attending church. Do **not** attend if you answer yes to any question! See screening tool below.

•A screener will greet attendees in the parking lot to confirm that you have no symptoms

•6 foot social distancing must be maintained at all times both outdoors and indoors. This includes the parking lot.

•Attendance will be taken on entering the church and a list maintained of all present in case contact tracing is required at a later date.

•Masks **must** be worn by all attendees

•Hand sanitizer to be used on entering and leaving the church

- You will keep coats and boots with you
- An usher will seat you. We will seat participants from the front pews to the back, so you may not be able to sit in your usual spot. Families and social bubbles may be seated together. If so, you must enter the church together. Once seated, please do not leave your seat until the service is finished.
- We will exit the church by having those at the back leave first. Seating and leaving is done in this way in order to minimize passing in the aisles, and allow us to use maximum seating capacity.

- Assistance will be provided to those requiring the elevator or any other assistance.
- If you wish to use a Bible, please bring your own.
- There will be **no** singing.
- There will be **no** handshaking or hugging
- There will be no passing of the plate for tithes and offerings. A place will be organized to do so on arriving and leaving.
- Communion will not be served in the foreseeable future
- There will be **no** coffee / tea after church for the foreseeable future
- Washrooms will not be available except in an emergency, so please use your bathroom at home before you come to church!
- If we choose to have further outdoor gatherings at Primrose, all of the same protocols will be in place. In addition, you will be asked to bring your own chair. Masks and Social Distancing will still be in place.

Yes
No

Question Two: Would you attend indoor worship service if the church building was to open?

Yes
No
Other:

Question Three: Would you attend an outdoor worship service?

Yes
No
Maybe
Other:

Question Four: Would you like to see the podcast worship continue? *

Yes
No
Other:

Question Five: What is your name?

Anything else to tell us?

Return to Church Survey

Please complete the following survey concerning resumption of in person worship by circling the appropriate answers and writing in where necessary. Thank you for taking the time to complete the form.

Question One: Have you read the protocols and do you understand what would need to be in place for the church buildings to reopen for in person worship services?

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