



Ashland

Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Shannon Weston, Pastor

Friends and Family,

As you know we are slowly transitioning back to the sanctuary in preparation for reopening September 12. If you're like me you love watching church in your pajamas, but as SO OVER the video! I also know this time of transition has been far from perfect, and although I also know you do not expect perfection, I also wanted to update you on our progress.

Working with technology is always one step forward and two steps back, at least it feels that way. First, let me say that for the last several weeks I have been at church well into the evening and each weekend, often dragging my husband along to trying to get everything set up. When we started the renewal project, we hired a company to help us with all of this and we were given a date of August for setup. Unfortunately, like everything else, they have been slammed and now are hoping to get to us by October. Until they come, we will continue to have some issues.

A few people have given us a few hours of time to get us to where we are, but we can't always test out sound, etc. on the spot. This week much of the behind the scenes things worked, YAY. This includes the website plugin, so you can view the livestream directly from the website, and the new camera/PowerPoint setup. It doesn't sound like much but this is MAJOR progress. However, the sound is still poor and I promise we are working on it. We also know the lighting isn't the best and will try to fix it when another lift is brought in, but we can also only do so much in our historic church.

I want nothing more than to get all this working properly and admit I am just as frustrated as anyone, but we are getting there. Just another few weeks and I hope we have a short-term solution for the problems we have until the official technology people can come in and do the work.

Again, thank you for your patience, the good news is it looks and sounds amazing in the room!

Also, because we did not get everything mounted this week, there are wires and cords that are dangerous to walk around. I would have liked to take them down for Sunday, but honestly, it took too many hours to get us where we are now, I don't want to risk a regression. Therefore, I am canceling the Outdoor Gathering/Open House Aug. 29 at 5pm, I'm very sorry. If you just can't wait to see the sanctuary, please let me know and I'll coordinate a time for you to stop by in the next two weeks. Please remember masks are mandatory in the building.

I appreciate your patience and commitment to our church community. Remember God is with us always and in all ways.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Shannon