

Dear Glenelg Family -

On behalf of our Opening Well Team I am writing to inform you that **out of an abundance of caution we have decided to remain ONLINE ONLY for worship through Sunday January 10, 2021.** This will include Christmas Eve. The one exception is our Christmas Eve 5:30 pm outdoor service where we plan to worship out on the front lawn with several fire pits. As long as it doesn't rain, that will still be an IN-PERSON option for worship on December 24, 2020.

Our other Christmas Eve worship options will be a 4:00 p.m. Family Worship service via Zoom and a 7:30 p.m. worship service streamed online at <https://glenelgumc.online.church> from our beautifully decorated sanctuary. For more information about our Christmas Eve services or other upcoming worship gatherings and holiday events, please check out our website at <http://glenelgumc.org>.

This was not an easy decision for us. We all want to be back together again worshipping in our sanctuary. It was so nice to have experienced at least some of us together inside for a few weeks in October and November. However, due to the recent surge in positive COVID cases and the increased risks surrounding this holiday season, we decided it was best to continue to limit our congregation's exposure by keeping worship online and keeping our church facilities closed, except for essential business. Thankfully, we have the ability to prioritize our church's health and safety while still providing a quality worship experience online thanks to our tech-production equipment and a group of dedicated and talented staff and volunteers. Please join me in praying for this awesome team and thanking them whenever you get the chance!

I want you to know that we miss you all and will continue to pray for you and your families as well during this challenging time. In fact, I have asked our Phone Tree team to do another round of calls to check on our congregation here before the Christmas holiday, especially since most of us still haven't been able to see each other in person. So, expect a phone call from a church member sometime over the next few weeks. I hope you will answer your phone and spend a few minutes with them to share and pray.

God bless and until at least through January 10, I'll see you online!

Blessings,
Rev. David
And your Opening Well Team