



Birchcliff Bluffs

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We are now 20 months into the COVID-19 pandemic. While vaccines offer us the possibility of expanding the ways we engage with each other, and the availability of the COVID vaccines and boosters is grounds for optimism, we need to remain vigilant as a faith community. It is in this context that we began to offer in person Sunday worship for Advent 1.

Now three weeks into this experience, we continue to work to ensure that public health and safety protocols are paramount in the planning and delivery of services. We continue to rely on and follow guidelines offered by the United Church of Canada ([Faith Communities and COVID-19 | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](https://www.united-church.ca)) and regional church bodies. Worship leadership continues to engage in regular discussion about how we can best deliver diverse meaningful worship to the broadest audience within the constraints that present.

We will continue to monitor and follow the guidance of public health officials and the larger church. Our approach will continue to be a conservative one, given the continuing risks that the virus and its variants pose to our health. There is no doubt that we continue to feel longing for simple human contact when we are grieving or celebrating, praying or learning, and ache for a time when we'll be able to feel each other's presence, warmth, and caring in person rather than online. In the meantime, we will continue to stay strong, engaged, and supportive as a community through a variety of offerings.

As ministry leaders, we are grateful for the commitment, support and creativity of this community of faith and its continued role in the Birchcliff Community. Please stay safe.

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Rev Greg Daly, Minister of Word & Sacrament

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