

**COVID-19: One Year Later**  
EMT Report to Voters – March 20, 2021

*You are the same, and Your years have no end. Psalm 102:27 (ESV)*

God is “unchangeable, yet changing all things; never new, never old; making all things new...”  
– Augustine, Confessions –

The last year has brought many changes, and yet through it all, our enduring God has been the same. He has been with us this past year, making all things new. At First Trinity, we have been adapting to those changes and new things continue to spring up. We’ve launched online worship and helped other churches do the same. Hybrid ministry is becoming more comfortable, allowing those in-person to gather with those at home through the gift of technology.

There has been great changes in our body as well. On the staff side, Pastor Jason was ordained on January 31, 2021. Kathy Figini announced her retirement, set for April 30, 2021. Debbie Ferrante announced she will be stepping down from the Preschool as they move to South Carolina in June 2021. We’ve lost many beloved members as well—a particularly strange process this year as we aren’t able to celebrate God’s work in their life as we used to, or as they fade away without our knowing because we aren’t seeing one another.

All along, God has been working through small, less noticeable means. Masks were made, people gathered virtually in groups of four around God’s Word, and individuals were reaching out to those who have not been present. New ministries like FT4Life have started up and new service projects like Operation PB&J have made an impact in our community.