

CREEKSIDE UPDATE

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Hi Creekside,

Well it's September and probably the strangest September we can remember especially when it comes to kicking off a new church year. This summer we've spent many hours deliberating and praying about what the right next steps are for our church community this fall and we wanted to give you a heads up about what's coming in terms of Sunday worship.

Starting September 20th there will be three significant changes happening for Sunday mornings that we're looking forward to.

1. The first is that we'll be **opening up both the Waterloo and Kitchener campuses for "Campus Watch Parties"**. These Watch Parties will be worship experiences where we'll gather at each site and be led in worship by watching the online service on a screen. There will be important regulations we'll need to follow in order to do this, including registering ahead of time and maintaining physical distancing protocol, but overall we're excited about these "Campus Watch Parties" as a step toward getting back to our usual Sunday worship experiences. More details about these will be coming soon.
2. The second change is that **bookending the online service will be kids content that includes our own original content**. The pre-school content will air 30 minutes before the service and the elementary aged kids content will air following the service. This content will also be available on our website afterward and we hope that if you're a parent that you'll make time to watch each week and then discuss the ideas with your kids afterward.
3. The third change to Sunday mornings will be a change in the **overall order and elements included in the service**. What this means for you is that you'll notice the sermon will be shorter and closer to the beginning of the service. You'll also notice (and love...we hope) the addition of a live segment with Ken and Pete where they will discuss the sermon and take questions from the people watching.

While each of these changes certainly don't represent where we ultimately want to be in terms of Sunday worship we trust that God is going to use each one to grow us in ways that the "old wine" never could. We hope you're up for the journey!

The Lead Team (Ken, Chris and Pete)