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## St. Francis Episcopal Church



April 29, 2020

# **No Turning Back**

***But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14+15***

## ***Where Do You Want To Be When We Go Back?***

What do you imagine things will be like in when we are able to get back into our businesses, shops, schools, and churches? What do you imagine it will be like when we are able to get back into our building at St. Francis? Are you imagining it will be like old times? My question about that is, "Why do you want to step back in history?".

## ***Going Where We Have Never Gone Before***

Right now, in the middle of a worldwide pandemic, we are in a place we have never been before. That much is obvious. It also means we are going to a place we have never gone before. It is impossible to know what things will be like when we get through all of this. One thing we can know with certainty is things will be different than they were before. That means there will be new ways for us to experience the love and mercy of God. There will be new ways for those who have never put their trust in Jesus to come to the Christian Faith. There will be a new way for us to serve our communities in the name of Christ. The best way to get ready for the new things that will be coming is to lean into the presence of God right where you are today. What new things is the Spirit of God getting across to you as you are in the middle of this time of social distancing?

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## **Coming Attractions**

**Sunday May 3, 2020 - Worship via zoom 10:00am**

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## ***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

Wally's, Walter Ford, owner, that income would remain steady and payroll would be met.

## ***The Diocese of Virginia***

For the people of Leeds, Markham; Christ Church, Charlottesville; Good Shepherd,

Burke; Resurrection, Alexandria; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg; All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### ***The Anglican Communion***

For the people of the Dioceses of Mpumalanga (Southern Africa) The Rt. Revd. Daniel Kgomo  
sotho Wyoming (The Episcopal Church) The Rt. Revd. John Smylie that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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*Grace and Peace,*

***John Maher***

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