

March 18, 2020

A message from the University Chaplain,

In consultation with Chancellor Skirving and Vice-Chancellor McCardell, I am suspending worship in All Saints' Chapel for Sunday, March 22, and Sunday, March 29.

On March 17, Bishop Bauerschmidt announced this same directive for congregations in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Bishops Skirving and Bauerschmidt, Dr. McCardell, and I feel that we are wise to offer a consistent Episcopal witness in the Sewanee area. We also believe that the safety of our communities is now our highest priority.

We do not take these measures lightly. Worship is central to our identity as Christians. We take this action to decrease the possibility of exposing members of our community to COVID-19, the aggressive coronavirus now spreading across the country.

Please know that the Chapel staff is dedicated to resuming worship when this is wise and timely.

We will also look for opportunities to sustain community in this time of crisis.

Faithfully yours,

The Very Rev. Thomas E. Macfie, Jr.
University Chaplain and Dean of All Saints' Chapel

I lift up my eyes to the hills,
from where is our help to come?
Our help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2