

Family of St. Francis,

This Sunday at 10 a.m., we will offer our first live-stream worship service and hope you will join in as we worship our Lord and Savior together, yet at a safe distance with the help of technology.

What we will offer this Sunday is not perfect, and we are far from the finish line. Like the country as a whole, the reality is we may not have an ‘in-person gathering’ for some time. While we learn more about utilizing technology to reach our specific community here at St. Francis, we thank you for your patience as we adjust with our current living situation amidst COVID-19. We hope that you will find this an exciting, hope-filled time as we reach one another in unique ways. Just because we cannot ‘meet’ together, does not mean we cannot ‘be’ together. Our Christian identity is seeded and rooted in prayer and The Resurrection. Like The Resurrection, prayer in its very nature transcends physical limitation. Our pastoral tree phone list is another example of how we intend to remain connected, though it is prayer that binds us together in Christ. We hope to offer more ways to remain connected through technology within the next week or two.

Below, you will find instructions on how to connect to the worship experience through the St. Francis Facebook page. I realize not everyone will be able to utilize ‘Facebook live,’ and again, this Sunday is only the beginning as we continue to make advancements. We are working on additional arrangements to hopefully have in place by Sunday, March 29th.

For this Sunday the 22nd, we may find it necessary to record an hour in advance in order to have the full Eucharistic service (no music), uploaded by 10am. Once the live stream has finished, the service can be viewed at any time.

Though I will live-stream the services from the church, the church will not be open to the congregation. I may have 1-2 volunteers at special request only, mostly for technical assistance. I take our current status very seriously, and I hope you are as well. Any questions or concerns, my phone is your phone. Call anytime.

With the peace of Christ,

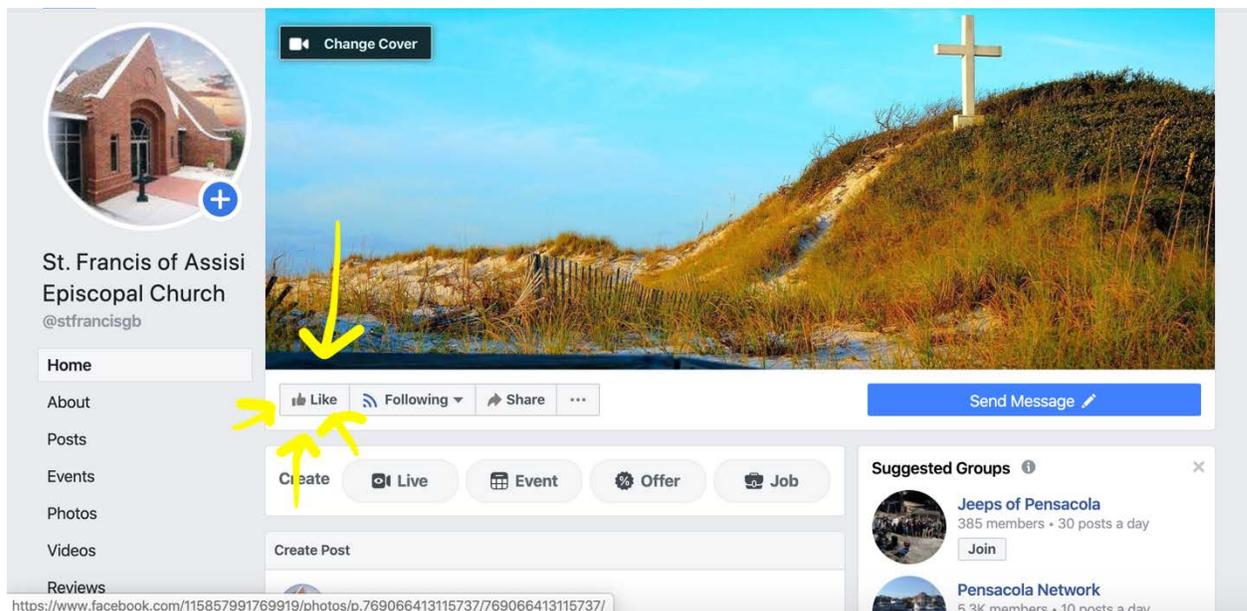
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How to Access St. Francis Facebook Live Stream Service

1. Log into your Facebook account.**
2. Type in **“St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church”** into the search bar at the top of the page. You should find something that looks like the following near the top of the search results:



3. Once you've found it, click on the words **“St Francis of Assisi...”**, and once redirected to the webpage below, click on the **“Like”** button.



4. Next, wave your cursor over the “**Following**” button, and in the drop-down menu below, click “**See First**”. You should now be able to receive a notification on your phone, tablet, and/or email whenever the church goes live on Facebook.

** We are very aware that not everyone has a Facebook account. Throughout the week, we were unable to identify a program that would meet the needs of all parishioners as best as possible. This Sunday is a starting point, and we intend to add opportunities to stream in on Sunday mornings, as well as other opportunities related to St. Francis services and beyond throughout the week. Please keep an eye out for continued updates via e-mail as we make adjustments. Comments welcome.