



concordpresbyterian

November 19, 2021

Dear Concord Friends,

Please consider coming to a special Advent worship service for those who are experiencing loss and grief. The service will be **Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 pm** at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, and will include leaders from several area congregations, including Concord.

A Service of Hope and Light seeks to welcome all the range of thoughts and feelings into worship during the holiday season. So often we who experience loss and grief are overwhelmed by the pace of the Christmas season. "Christmas cheer" can feel forced when our hearts and minds are full of sorrow. The first few holiday seasons after the loss of a relationship are uncharted waters and can be filled with a sense of overwhelming sadness and isolation. Particularly in this extended time of the global pandemic there are so many losses that we have all experienced. These losses challenge us to stay in prayer for others and for ourselves. This service seeks to give us words to express our grief, as well as words of comfort and assurance.

The service will include Scripture reading and reflection, prayer, candle lighting and special music. Participants will be welcomed to remember by name those who have passed. In addition, participants may ask for prayers for life situations that are especially challenging and difficult.

Several congregations will come together for this service: The Rev. Steve Clark from Concord Presbyterian Church, The Rev. Brad Hinton from St. David's Episcopal Church, The Rev. Tony Arrington from the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, as well as retired pastor The Rev. Dr. C. Karen Moore will also lead the service.

Please feel free to invite family members, friends or neighbors. For further information you can contact us at 302-654-9652 or info@concordpc.org.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve