

Plains Presbyterian Church was graciously granted a Technology Grant from the Synod of the Trinity. After some prayer and hard work, we are happy to share how we have used those funds.

Overall now, Plains uses two virtual platforms to engage the community — Facebook Live and Zoom. Additionally, we now record the audio of portions of our service for distribution on our church's website, podcast and through email to anyone who wishes to participate. We committed to meeting people where their comfort level during covid-19 is. We have continued to mail our hard copies of our bulletin, newsletter, devotionals and sermon manuscripts.

We have purchased the proper CCLI license to support this mission. If by some chance, the music that was selected cannot be located for the service on the ccli site, we do not record that to insure that we are in total compliance with copywrite laws and guidelines. We will continue to be adaptive and creative as we use this technology in our church.

We used the funds from the Synod to purchase the following items:

- 1- A new HP laptop that runs our broadcast software (OBS which is a free download).
- 2- A capture card that allows us to broadcast on two different platforms was also necessary.
- 3- We purchased a joystick and control board that controls the new camera.
- 4- The camera that was purchased is mounted above eye-line to insure good coverage of the service.
- 5- We recognize that we needed better lighting to make sure that the service 'looks' good to viewers. So, a light in the balcony was acquired.
- 6- We needed a lot of new audio-visual cable to make this happen as well.
- 7- Wifi was hardwired into our sanctuary by Armstrong to make sure that we have the necessary bandwidth for the current ministry and still enough for our future.

Overall, the project has been a huge success. The camera and technology has been used each week at Plains. We will continue using it into our future to reach the community. The Cranberry nursery school that is housed at Plains plans to use the technology to broadcast their Christmas program to families who cannot attend because of covid-19 restrictions. Plans are also in place to use it for our 2021 VBS program — should that be a possibility.

We have trained a number of volunteers on the operation of the camera so that the ministry is accessible to as many groups as possible who want to use the church for their groups.