

Technical Help for Those Who Live Stream Our Sunday Worship Services

Brad Peer, a member of our congregation, provides the following insights:

The question was asked at the recent annual meeting, “How do I access the church live stream?” The response was to use your web browser to access the church website and click on the live stream link. It was also noted that the previous week’s service could be found there for viewing until the current week’s stream was saved to the Internet.

Back in 2020 when streaming church was the only option, Jana and I began watching the stream on our computer. Viewing the service from our computer did provide us with a way to attend church during the time that group gatherings were prohibited, but it did leave much to be desired. Immediately after that first church streaming experience I began to contemplate what I could do to improve the experience. We tried a few different options including casting the stream from my phone and also from the computer to our TV. Each had some negative aspects and I continued to pursue a better option. Looking closely at the links to the streaming services I noted the small grey link – “Powered by BoxCast.” I followed that link and read much of the content presented and discovered that the streaming could be viewed through the TV using a number of different streaming devices including Roku, which is the device we use for our TV content. It took a couple of attempts and a little back and forth with Pastor McLane to get the settings configured, but now it works nicely. I can watch church on my TV with decent audio while sitting in my comfortable chair at home; a temptation I have succumbed to once or twice. All this to say there are other options to viewing streaming church service.

According to its website: “BoxCast allows its clients to set up Apple TV, Roku, or Fire TV channels. Start by downloading the BoxCast app on those devices and once the app is downloaded, search for your organization.”

Once you have the app installed and have found Congregational-Presbyterian Church, access the “channel.” You will find the next 50 streaming events listed, and the previous 90 days of streaming events all of which are available for viewing.