

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

For the safety of our staff, volunteers, and our congregants during times of inclement weather and uncertain road conditions, decisions will be made regarding our worship services at Abounding Joy. This decision will be made by the pastor, council president, and council vice president. The pastor will also be in contact with other area pastors to weigh in on decision-making. Regardless of our decisions, we also advise that you use your own discretion, given local travel conditions. We are also thankful to have livestreaming as an option to help all worship.

Midweek Activities: In the event of inclement weather during the midweek, we will follow the St. Cloud School District's decision. Should they close schools for the day or end early, we will join with their decision for our worship or church activities. We will notify the congregation's closing via social media, email, and council calling tree.

Weekend: In the event of inclement weather forecasted on a weekend, such that the St. Cloud area is in a blizzard, extreme cold, or severe storm warning until or beyond 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, we will announce a "caution" decision on Saturday by 7:30 p.m. through our social media outlets and email. This indicates that we are watching and monitoring the situation. We invite you to stay posted regarding this decision, but this indicates we may cancel Sunday service.

The final decision regarding services will be made by 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and an announcement will be shared through our social media, email, and robocall. Should the St. Cloud area remain in these warnings beyond 10 a.m., services will be canceled, though a simple and shortened service may be provided.

*This policy is designed to protect the staff, volunteers, and congregants and ensure that worship services are safe and accessible during challenging weather conditions.*