

Tips and Tricks Related to Streaming/Sharing/Posting Services (and specifically adding pre-recorded sermon videos)

To add a video to a pre-recorded service:

- Download the video file and save it on your computer.
- Using your video editing software, clip your recorded footage where you want to insert the video.
- Insert the video file and choose the transition in/out of the clip that you want.
- Continue editing recorded footage.

To add a video to a livestream:

You cannot really share a pre-recorded video to a livestream on Facebook or YouTube IF you are using their native webpages or apps (streaming directly from Facebook or YouTube).

3 work arounds:

→First, you can literally show the video on another device while streaming. (I.e. Holding up your phone with the video on it to the computer that is live streaming. Not recommended).

→Second, you can live stream to a Facebook page from a zoom call. With Zoom you can share your screen and show a video: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362643-Sharing-Computer-Sound-During-Screen-Sharing>

→Third, you can use software like OBS Studio where you can show a video as the source to your live stream. OBS would require both a computer and video source (iPhone, GoPro, camcorder, digital SLR). (Recommended for showing video during a livestream).

To stream a pre-recorded video via FB Live:

<https://medium.com/@realmikespeer/how-to-stream-your-pre-recorded-videos-to-facebook-live-80f80126c5a8>

Both Facebook Pages and YouTube accounts allow you to “Premiere” videos. Nearly identical experience as live streaming, as everyone watches the video together the first time it is shown. Links for more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/business/help/580544922399103?id=214359809769375>
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/9080341?hl=en>

Sharing a video from another congregation’s page:

Simply share the live stream video of another page onto your congregation’s page. If you share the post announcing the scheduled premier, those who follow your page will be able to find the service when it ‘goes live.’ Pin the post to the top of your page for easy access if necessary.

So, in summary:

- If you usually Facebook live from your personal page, plan on shifting to using your congregation's page. A page can be viewed by those without Facebook, a video from a page can be added to a web site, etc.
- Make sure that someone besides the pastor is an admin on the Facebook page. This person can share a livestream from another congregation's page to your congregation's page the Sunday you are gone.
- You can post a pre-recorded video but premiere it live. (<https://www.facebook.com/business/help/580544922399103?id=214359809769375>)
- If you livestream your service, consider using Zoom for the Sunday you won't be leading worship, so that you can more easily share the pre-recorded sermon...or be ready to redirect the camera to whatever device IS playing the pre-recorded sermon. The person leading your service can also read the sermon manuscript, and the recorded video can be shared via email or in another way. You don't have to share the meeting link with anyone, but by using Zoom to record the service, you can share the recorded video easier.
- If you're using Zoom, you can stream directly onto Facebook and share the video using the 'share screen' feature. (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362643-Sharing-Computer-Sound-During-Screen-Sharing>).