



With approval of the diocese, on Sunday, July 19, St. Paul's will begin a process of regathering at the church for worship. In-person worship will, at least for a season, look and feel different from the worship to which we are accustomed. Here are some of the things that will be different:

**In accordance with CDC guidelines, those in high-risk categories, including people over age 65, are encouraged to continue to worship from home. ANYONE WITH EVEN A HINT OF ILLNESS, MOST ESPECIALLY A FEVER AND/OR COUGH, MUST NOT COME TO THE CHURCH.**

- When we first begin on-site worship again on July 19<sup>th</sup>, we will do so as a “soft regathering” to ensure that all our worship teams are able to function well under physical distancing guidelines. All that you read below will be adapted based upon how it works in practice, additional needs or problems we encounter, and especially the ever-changing health environment in our area.
  - Initially, we will have in-person worship services only at 10:00am. We will continue to live stream the service
  - As we track attendance, we will decide whether to add additional services at any other time during the week.
  - Bulletins will be available in a basket in the Narthex. Virtual bulletins will also be available for tablet use, available via the St. Paul's website or a QR code posted in the Narthex. Please **DO NOT USE** the Prayer Books or hymnals located in the pew racks.
- Please enter through the front door of the Church (Clay Street). We will be limiting use of the rest of the campus, so other doors will be locked.
- For contact tracing purposes, please check-in with the volunteer in the Narthex.
- Please notify St. Paul's immediately via email or phone if you have attended a service and begin to show signs of COVID-19, or learn of contact with a COVID-positive person.
- St. Paul's will close immediately upon notice of a possible COVID-19 person attending the Sunday service. Once test results have been received we will evaluate our need to remain closed or continue to re-gather.
- Attendance within the church will be limited in order to observe physical distancing guidelines.
  - Seating will be by half-pew, alternating side-by-side on each side of the Nave. The side sections are marked skipping a pew between available seating locations. We will have each pew clearly marked to let you know the appropriate places to sit.

- Ushers will help people safely enter and exit the church while remaining properly distanced.
- A very limited number of safely distanced musicians will provide sacred music. The majority of the service will be spoken. Due to evidence of community spread through singing, there will be no congregational singing and no choir. There will be a final hymn, in-person attendees are encouraged **only to hum** during the hymn.
- We will all wear masks, except for small children and the person(s) leading worship at a significant distance from the congregation. Masks will be available for those who do not have one.
- There will be no offering plates passed, although they will be available for those who wish to bring their gifts.
- We will not physically share The Peace.
- Communion will be in one kind only, bread. Congregants wishing to receive communion will make their way to the back of the church for distribution.
- Children of all ages will be welcome to participate in the church services with their families. We will not initially offer childcare or Catechesis. Parental help is needed to help children remain properly distanced from others not in their families.
- The restrooms located in the Education building are available for emergencies only.
- Individuals wishing to socialize are asked to do so outside and at a safe distance.
- The clergy will not greet individuals at the exit.

Additional Notes:

- There will be a hand sanitizing station at the entrance along with masks available for those who do not have their own.
- **Online worship will continue!** As stated above, the live stream will occur at 10:00 am, although a benefit of our platform is that you can watch this at any time that works for you.

*God will be present, and God will see us through!*