

WELCOME HOME
ST. PAUL'S RESUMES SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
COMMUNION WITH BREAD AND WINE
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

We joyously announce that indoor worship service will resume on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Outdoor service will cease. With gratitude to Bishop Dunlop, Governor Wolf, and the CDC, we can open our doors with capacity restrictions. You will find worship service structured to resemble our traditional worship as much as possible, while providing a safe environment for everyone.

We pray that you will feel safe and welcome in returning to St. Paul's. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, please contact any member of the Task Force: Pastor Burkhardt, Peg Sennett, Suzanne Butler, Russ Johnson, or Carla Hausmann.

Upon entering the building you will find many arrangements intended to keep you safe:

- ✓ The building will be cooler than normal, with open windows weather permitting and ceiling fans on high; dress accordingly.
- ✓ Sanitizing your hands upon entering the building is crucial since you will have contact with many commonly touched areas including doors, railings and pews.
- ✓ Masks are required as well as maintaining 6ft. of social distance.
- ✓ Upon entering the sanctuary you will find every other pew has been closed. This gives you 6ft. of protection from anyone in front of, behind, or next to you. When entering a pew maintain 6ft. between you and the next person, with the exception of immediate family members.
- ✓ Bulletins will be in the pews. Please touch only the one you will be using. Prior to the start of the service an Usher will distribute additional or large type bulletins. All hymnals, worship books, paper, pencils, etc. have been removed from the pews.
- ✓ You may sit in any open pew of your choice. We are not dictating where you sit as many churches are doing, but ask that you maintain the social distancing guidelines.
- ✓ A mask is to be worn during speaking and singing parts of the service and when proceeding to and returning from communion. You may lower your mask during quiet parts of the service and when receiving communion. Various university studies show that the spread of aerosol droplets from singing (with a mask) are not significantly greater than speaking (with a mask).

Choirs:

- ✓ As shared above, studies show that singing is safe when a mask is worn. Consequently our vocal choirs will be offering small ensemble music during the service, our Children's Choirs will be performing and our Hand Bell Choir will ring out hymns of joy and inspiration.

Offerings:

- ✓ Place your offering envelope in one of the collection baskets placed at entrances to the sanctuary.
- ✓ Use the Offertory time during the service to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.

Prayer Petitions:

- ✓ There are no prayer slips in the pews and the Ushers will not be collecting any slips. We encourage you to participate in the electronic prayer list sent out to the congregation each Tuesday. Notify the office of persons you would like added to the list. During the service, the Pastor will refer to this list and it will also be included in the bulletin.

Children's Sunday School (Rotation Faith Formation):

- ✓ Children Pre-K through Grade 6 will meet in the second floor Gathering Room during the Worship service.
- ✓ Prior to the sermon, the Pastor will release the children to the Sunday School staff. They will return at the conclusion of the Worship Service.
- ✓ Sanitation procedures are in place for the protection of our children.

Continuous Communion will be offered with both bread and wine:

- ✓ An Usher will release one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side. Please maintain 6ft. distance in the aisle. Wear a mask prior to and following communion.
- ✓ Upon approaching the front of the church, sanitize your hands.
- ✓ Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Cups with grape juice included.
- ✓ Remove your mask.
- ✓ Receive the bread from the Pastor who will have sanitized his hands. Hold out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. Do not reach for the bread; do not touch the Pastor's hand.
- ✓ The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Do not touch the chalice.
- ✓ Place your disposable communion cup in the waste container.
- ✓ Replace your mask and return to your pew.

Dismissal:

- ✓ An Usher will dismiss one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side. Be patient and follow Usher guidance.
- ✓ Wear your mask until you leave church property.
- ✓ Do not congregate in the building.

Unfortunately at this time there is no Children's Sermon or coin collection and no nursery, coffee hour, use of kitchens or adult Sunday School.

We realize this is a lot of information to consume but these procedures will shortly become a new normal. Our goal is to keep you safe as you return to Sunday worship with your St. Paul's family.

As we all know, COVID-19 remains rampant with increased cases in our own community; as time goes by, revisions to the above policies may be required. Also you may still feel uncomfortable attending our live service, have compromising health issues, or you may develop symptoms -- if so, stay home and join us via the weekly virtual service found on the St. Paul's web page or listen to our service broadcast on WHVR 1280AM / 95.3FM each Sunday at 8:30AM.