

Dear St. George's Community,

We are excited to announce that we will re-open for worship on Sunday, June 6. For now, we will have one service at 9:30 am. We do hope to see many of you there.

As we develop our re-opening plans, we continue to follow the Diocese's guidance. In particular, we want to make sure that everyone feels welcome and able to attend, whether vaccinated or not. So, we will continue to have some restrictions in place for worship.

Some things you need to know:

1. Masks are required for everyone while inside the church buildings. If you do not have a mask, one will be available when you enter the building.
2. We will continue to maintain social distancing. As a result, we will have limited capacity in the sanctuary as over half of the pews will be unavailable for use.
3. You will need to sign up, in advance, to attend worship. When you arrive at church, you will be asked to affirm that you do not currently have the symptoms of Covid-19 and sign in. This information will be used for contact tracing, if needed.
4. The narthex, sanctuary and bathrooms are open for use. All other parts of the building, including the parish hall, are closed. You are welcome to gather outside in the garden area after church.
5. We will continue to offer the services via Zoom, if you prefer to attend church from home.
6. We will have communion. It will be bread only. Fr. Tom will distribute it.

We recognize that the guidance from the state and from the CDC has been changing rapidly. We are currently erring on the side of caution as we are not requiring vaccinations for church attendance. We do want all to be welcome.

More information on signing in and arriving at church:

We are using a sign-up tool called "Signup Genius". You will need to register in advance each week that you plan to attend church. Registration for Sunday, June 6 is [here](#).

If you are unable to access the link on the internet, please call Sarah Schulte at 612-201-5731 (call or text) and she will register you for the service.

Parishioners will be seated by family, but because of social distancing, we'll be seating in groups of two and three. If you are attending in a family group of 2-3, please register once as one family and indicate the number attending. If you are attending in a family group of 4-6, please register twice and indicate how many of your family are in each group. This will help to ensure that we have space for all that are registered.

Please plan to arrive early for church to allow adequate time to sign in.

If someone arrives for church that has not signed up, they will be asked to stand to the side until all registered people have had a chance to arrive.

Information session:

Church will be different. If you want to learn more, please plan to attend the coffee hour via Zoom after church on Sunday, May 30 (about 10 am, after the 9:30 service).

We will also have information in our newsletter and weekly email. Please continue to watch those.

Any questions – please contact one of the members or our re-opening team: Gregg Jacobson, Jane Sandsmark, Sarah Schulte, Bill Stromberg or Kathleen Boe.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Boe and Sarah Schulte, Wardens