

GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(UPDATED AT THE 02/27/2022 COUNCIL MEETING)

At the last Congregation Council Meeting, the Council, following CDC guidelines, decided to make some changes to worship as it relates to masking and social distancing. The details of their decision are detailed below.

One thing remains true, we are all dealing with our re-entrance into activity in diverse ways. As Christians, our goal is to accommodate each member of the congregation in a kind and generous fashion. Worship will continue to feel a bit different until we are able to worship all together/in person again. I am sure that is a day that we all look forward to. But until then...

Please Note: The following changes to worship follow CDC guidelines (as we have from the beginning) and in following those guidelines it is imperative that we remember:

1. if the virus makes a resurgence, or
2. if Northampton County jumps from medium to high in its risk factor as defined by the CDC website, then

we will return to a more restrictive masking and social distancing posture.

All WORSHIP TIMES

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19, please do not enter the church building.
- So long as you are fully vaccinated (full shot protocol and a booster) you are NOT required to wear a mask at worship. This includes entering and leaving the building as well as when you are in the worship space.
- You are always welcome to wear a mask if you desire.
- Pastor will be available for conversation and will greet worshippers in the Narthex at the conclusion of worship. Please note that he will not be shaking hands at this time.
- You may receive Communion at the base of the altar steps or in your pew.
 - If you want to remain in your pew, please take a Communion cup when you enter the worship space. Pastor will guide you when it is time to receive Communion in your pew.
 - If you want to receive Communion at the base of the steps to the altar the usher will direct, you to come forward at the appropriate time.

WHEN WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED:

- Please take the bulletin and the remains of the pre-packaged Communion (even if you have not used it) with you. Bulletin and remains of Communion must be placed in the garbage can in the Narthex.
- Offerings may be placed in the Offering Plate located in the Narthex

RESTROOMS:

- The Restrooms are available for use, disinfectant wipes are available to wipe any surfaces in the restroom.

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