

Revised Guidelines for Parish Life

- **Following CDC and diocesan updated guidelines, masks are strongly encouraged for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people when indoors in a group setting.** All are requested to stay at home when feeling ill and join in worship online.
- **Please respect and show compassion for those who make different choices than you or who have different health and comfort needs.** Please continue to “remember the least of these” and model Christian charity as we continue to navigate changing recommendations. Those leading worship will wear masks unless speaking.
- **Restrooms.** All restrooms are open. Please continue to avoid crowding and please disinfect after use.
- **Children are welcome.** We ask that you bring quiet pew activities and keep your children with you at all times. Masks for children are at the parents’ discretion.
- **Enter and Exit as you choose.** All doors will be open and you may enter or exit any door. Attendance registration is no longer required. We will no longer dismiss by rows, but we ask that you continue to respect the personal space of one another as you depart.
- **Offering plates.** We will not resume passing of offering plates. They will be located at the doors in the nave. This will be familiar if you have attended the Celtic Service.
- **For the time being, all pews are available, but we encourage safe distancing between family groups and individuals.** As we move forward and/or as we start reaching capacity, we will then reassess our spacing practices. The balcony/choir loft is closed to all but our AV volunteers.
- **Personal space is a good thing.** When finding a seat, always ask if you may sit near someone. They may prefer additional distancing.
- **Singing.** We will continue with our practice of no congregational singing at this time.
- **The Peace.** We will continue to exchange the peace from a safe distance for now.
- **Communion.** We will continue to offer communion in one kind (wafers) at the base of the chancel steps.
- **Service length.** We will continue to offer a service that is shorter in length to keep our time together as safe as possible, as our air handling system is older and without newer filter systems. Additionally, a shorter service is more suitable for our live-streaming worshipers.
- **Fellowship and Formation.** Light refreshments are available after the service in Lackey Hall but we ask that you wear a mask when not eating and keep a safe distance from one another. We will wait until October to resume Sunday education activities.
- **Outside Groups.** Outside groups who use our space will be contacted and invited to return. They will be expected to create and follow their own safety guidelines in consultation with the Rector.