

Guidelines for (Phase 3) for St. Paul's

God loves you-no exceptions.

These guidelines are not what anyone wants, including us. They have been worked out with prayer and faithful efforts to be in compliance with the State and Diocesan requirements, but more, in God's love for you and your safety. Yet, even with our best efforts in precautions and protocols for mitigation, the possibility of a transmission event remains.

Attendance implies accepting such risk.

Thank you so much for your faith, patience and flexibility.

You should not physically attend if you:

- have a compromised immune system or live with someone who does,
- have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, have chest pain,
- have fatigue, muscle or body ache, headache,
- have new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose,
- have nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- are sick or have been exposed to someone who is,
- have traveled out of state in the past 14 days,
- If you are older, you should think twice about physically attending. We will be live-streaming one of the services.

There will be two services on Sundays 8:00 am and 10:00 am. There is an additional Tuesday service at 9 am in the church for those who don't feel comfortable attending on Sundays.

8:00 am will be live streamed via the Youtube channel "Virginia Heistand".

10:00 am will be outside on the Greenway, next to the Parish Hall, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chairs. If it is a rainy or cold day, the service will be held inside the main church.

If you use a wheelchair, please come to the 10:00 service. (This is the HDA-friendly service, as we use the front HDA pew for livestreaming at 8).

Reservations for each service are made by calling the office at 294-4357, x 105, M-W, 9-1. Your reservation also serves as the list for Contact Tracing.

- no mingling, especially entering and exiting
- please try to arrive ten minutes before due to seating arrangements
- to limit your exposure to enclosed spaces, services will be brief. **Bathrooms will not be available. Please plan accordingly.**
- appointed guides have lanyards and have been trained in the safety protocols
- come in through the front door only and exit via the chapel, when attending an indoor service
- per state guidelines, masks are required** (we have a limited supply to give, if you forget yours) **masks must cover your entire mouth and nose**
- if you have an offering, drop it in the plate on entering before you get a bulletin
- use hand sanitizer before taking a bulletin
- per State guidelines, we must maintain a minimum of six feet of distance apart from one another, on all sides
- sit on the marked areas in the middle of every third pew for indoor services. Families and couples may sit together in the middle of the pew (our aisles are narrow).
- you may not share a pew with someone who is not a member of your own household
- we remain masked at all times. If you touch your face for any reason, use hand sanitizer provided

Order of service

- no procession, no recession
- organist remains in balcony
- priest remains behind altar rail
- no congregational singing
- no books, service is in bulletin
- 1 reading and the Gospel, only
- for the time being there will be on vestry appointed reader and leader of the Prayers of the People
- no physical passing of peace
- no offertory (place in plate on entering only)
- communion in one kind only (there is an additional corporal over the congregation's wafers, Priest doesn't breathe on them) gluten free wafers are available and they remain wrapped

on receiving communion:

-We maintain six feet of distance at all times. Stand on the six foot markers in the aisle and wait until the person in front of you has moved completely to the next mark.

-When you reach the top of the aisle, sanitize your hands at the station provided.

-priest comes to the inside edge of the altar rail, masked and hand sanitized

-Stand with your toes on the mark in front of the altar rail and extend your arms fully with hands palm up. The priest will drop the wafer, not touching hands.

-Regardless of which side of the church you sit on, move to the mark to your left. Lower your mask, consume your wafer, put your mask back on and hand sanitize in the station provided.

-regardless of which side of the church you sit on, go back down the side aisle by the pulpit. Please don't use the center aisle, there isn't enough room.

-after the dismissal, please do not wait for the candles to be extinguished or for the organ to stop, before you begin exiting

-front pews exit first as we all exit through the door by the pulpit and proceed directly out through the chapel door

-reminder: bathrooms are not available, masks are a must, maintain six feet distance and do not mingle

We aim to accomplish the service in 35 minutes or less to minimize the amount of time we spend in recirculated air and in larger groups.

These guidelines are reviewed daily. None of them are new and all have been given by the State, so none of this should be a surprise. We all hope for normal soon and we are always together in the Holy Spirit. Hope to see those who can safely attend.