



INDOOR WORSHIP PRACTICES AND OPTIONS BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

St. Peter's Elders and Trustees are working very hard to arrange options so we can ***gather for worship indoors*** during this time of COVID pandemic.

We are doing all we can so **all can feel safe and welcome to gather** for worship at St. Peter's.

We do this knowing we are not in control of the spread of the disease or of controlling its spread. We do this with respect for state orders about gathering indoors, and **with mutual love and respect for each other**.

SUMMARY OF PRACTICES AND OPTIONS:

IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME.

REGARDING EMERGENCY ORDER #3: LIMITING PUBLIC GATHERINGS

(October 8, 2020): Churches are exempt (2.c.ix)

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY (which automatically lowers attendance at each service).

SEVERAL LOCATIONS FROM WHICH TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP: Worship Center, Great Room, parking lot (see details below), OR from your own home (via Facebook Live)

SEATING ARRANGED FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING (see details below).

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION AND RECEIVING OFFERINGS: as 'touch-free' as we can make it (see details below)

FREQUENT HAND WASHING /SANITIZING: is encouraged; bottles of hand sanitizer available throughout the building.

CLEANING/ SANITIZING (especially of frequently touched surfaces, like door handles): done frequently; sanitizing wipes also available so you can sanitize/ wipe any surface you need to touch or have touched (e.g., chairs)

DISCOURAGING HUGS AND HAND-SHAKING (at public worship on Sundays): Pastor won't shake hands on Sundays; please don't take offense!

ABOUT FACE COVERINGS: Per the governor's order FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS—thus they are required at indoor worship at St. Peter's. There are various **exceptions** to this rule and if you are one of those persons, **you are welcome to worship with us without a mask**. If you can wear a mask, we would ask you to do so when you are indoors at St. Peter's for worship.

OR Worship from home: This worship service will be live-streamed on St. Peter's Facebook page. **Song bulletins** can be found on the church's webpage at www.stpetersstpauls.org and you can **provide your own bread/cracker and juice/wine** for Holy Communion.

HERE ARE HOW THESE POLICIES PLAY OUT AT EACH WORSHIP SERVICE:

9 am WORSHIP INDOORS

Worship leaders will be in the Worship Center (rather than out under the portico/ in the parking lot)

Worshippers can:

Sit in the Worship Center or Welcome Area (distanced from other worshippers)

Communion elements can be picked up in the Welcome Area. **Offerings** can be left in bucket/plate in the Welcome Area as you enter or as you leave worship.

Sunday School will be meeting during this time (9-10:15 am), using the other rooms/ spaces of the building (other than the Worship Center).

OR

Sit in your car in the parking lot and listen on the radio, tuned to 89.7 FM. (The worship service will be broadcast with our FM transmitter).

Communion elements & song bulletins can be picked up just inside the doors. There will also be a basket there for **offerings**.

10:30 am WORSHIP INDOORS

Worship leaders will be in the Worship Center.

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OR

Sit in the Great Room.

Communion elements can be picked up just inside the outside entrance doors of the Great Room. There will also be a basket there for **offerings**, as well as **sanitizing wipes** (so you may wipe down chairs you use).

Audio and visual from the Worship Center will be piped into the Great Room.

THIS IS THE BEST OPTION FOR THOSE WHO ARE MORE VULNERABLE/ HIGH RISK AND WHO WANT TO BE INDOORS.

SOCIAL DISTANCING/ MINIMAL CONTACT: Worshippers can enter & exit the building directly into the Great Room, arranging chairs to sit wherever you choose.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN THE GREAT ROOM

(if you are a person who can't wear a mask, please worship in the Worship Center or parking lot)

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