



Dear Members of the St. Paul's Family:

The St. Paul's Leadership Team is pleased to announce the phasing out of our COVID-19 protocols and practices.

The public health steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 have succeeded to the extent that as of June 1st, almost all health mandates have been dropped. Because of this, the wearing of masks and social distancing will no longer be required at worship services. Members who would prefer to wear a mask and distance are welcome to continue to do so. Besides no longer having to sign-up for church, here are the changes starting July 1:

**Pews will be cleaned on a regular basis**, but not necessarily after each service. According to the CDC, the primary mode of infection by COVID-19 is through respiratory droplets. The risk of spread by surface contact is considered to be low.

**A select number of pews** on the pulpit side toward the back of church will continue to be spaced every other pew to allow for those that would prefer to remain distanced. At this time, children under the age of 12 cannot receive a vaccine and therefore families with young children may feel more comfortable maintaining distance.

**Communion Distribution** will return to the front of church. Members will again gather at the foot of the front steps at the direction of the ushers. Wafers will be distributed as members hold out a hand to receive it. Individual cups on a tray will be offered. (No common cup at this time.) Those who are assisting with Communion will have cleaned and sanitized their hands.

**Friendship Registers** have been returned to each pew. Time will be given to sign and pass during the service.

**Offering Baskets** for now will remain in the back of church, moved from the last pew to a stand at each of the rear doors.

**Hymnals and Bibles** will be available on tables at the back of church for those who would like to use one or both during the worship service. Leave them in the hymnal racks when you are ushered out. Someone will pick them up after the service. You are welcome to bring your own if you would like.

**Service Folders and Bulletins** will be handed out at each door by ushers as you enter church. They will not need to be disposed of (the baskets for used bulletins have been removed). They can be reused.

Lastly, some of us are vaccinated and some of us aren't. Some of us want to continue to wear masks and some of us don't. Therefore, we encourage you to make whatever decision is best for you and your family, and we ask you, in Christian love, to continue to respect our fellow worshippers, our brothers and sisters regardless of their decisions.

Worship Services Times: Thursday 6:30 pm / Sunday 9:30 am (Live-streamed)

We serve Jesus together with you, and we will keep you posted as other changes are made.

St. Paul's Leadership Team