

### **Procedures for resuming in-person worship**

As we prepare to meet in Trinity's building again, we have put together procedures and requirements to maintain as safe an environment as possible. We ask that anyone who comes into the building adhere to the following rules.

*While we all "want" to come physically back together as a community of faith, we realize that what we want to do and what we feel comfortable in doing can be different. Please do not feel guilty or pressured to return to in-person worship. We will be continuing our services on-line. Please only come when you feel that you are ready.*

**Please note:** Re-opening our building is always contingent on what phase New York State has stated. This could change at any time.

#### **Before arrival**

If you are not feeling well, we ask for your own safety as well as others that you not attend any in-person worship, events or activities.

If you test positive for Covid-19 after having been in Trinity's building, please contact Pastor Jen as soon as possible so that we may begin contact tracing immediately.

Please **arrive early** as the ushers may need to seat people to maintain the appropriate distancing between people in the pews.

#### **Upon arrival**

1. The **Doors** will be propped open (weather permitting) or opened by one of the ushers
2. Everyone must wear **a mask**. If you do not have one or have forgotten one, we will have additional masks available (to be kept and not returned).
3. **Hand sanitizers** will be located near each of the entrances to the building. Please use them upon entering and leaving the building.
4. You will be asked to **check in** on the attendance sheet in case we need to contact people in the event that someone later tests positive for the virus
5. Everyone must maintain a **physical distance of at least 6 feet** apart from anyone not in your own household.
6. Please sit in **designated areas** in household groups or individually 6 feet apart (the blue tape indicates the distance). You may not be able to sit in your usual spot and the ushers may have to move people around to make use of this designated space.

#### **During worship**

*You will notice significant changes in parts of the ways in which we have traditionally worshipped. Many of these practices will be a difficult change to make, but it is vital to the health of our community. These changes will stay in place until we can safely return to former practices.*

1. **On-line service:** We will continue to stream our services live to Facebook

2. **Bulletins:** are for single use. They will be placed in the designated seating spots. You may either place them in the recycle can as you leave or take them with you. They will also still be emailed out before Sunday.
3. **No Singing** – because transmission of droplets goes farther when singing, we will not be able to do so. We will have more instrumental music.
4. **Spoken responses** may only happen if people keep their masks on during the service
5. **OFFERING:** You are asked to place in Collection Plate in Narthex upon entering or leaving. You also may use the online giving option
6. **COMMUNION:** When it is offered, it will be wafers only (no wine) and we will not kneel at the altar rail. You will need to continue to maintain the 6 feet safe distance between non-household members. Pastor Jen will drop the wafer in your hand, using gloves and a face shield
7. **Passing the Peace:** Since we cannot touch each other, we will use hand signals like the peace sign
8. **Leaving worship:** The Ushers will be dismissing people from their pews from the back to the front. Continue to maintain the safe distance as you leave. Pastor Jen will not be standing at the door, but be outside (weather permitting).

### **Other Events**

Unfortunately, we are not able to have potlucks, coffee hour and similar activities. We are looking at the safest ways that we may modify some of our regular activities for the future.

### **Final Note**

Please encourage and support one another to maintain all of these practices.

As news and information changes frequently, please know that we will make the needed and necessary adjustments. This may include closing our building once again. We will keep you updated as information is updated.