

In-Person Worship Plans and Guidelines – March, 2021

Our plan to restart in-person worship begin soon:

- **Sunday, March 21 at 8:30AM: Traditional Service onsite in West Sanctuary**
- **Sunday, March 28 at 10:15AM: Contemporary Service outside in South Parking Lot**
- **YouTube Online**: There will be no change to our online YouTube services – our Traditional Service premieres on Sunday at 8:30 AM and our Contemporary Service premieres at 10:15 AM with on-demand following.
- **Children’s Ministry for K-3rd** will be offered, as scheduled, during outside service opportunities. No inside-church children’s programs will be offered.
- **JAM** and **Youth Ministry** programming will continue as scheduled.

Our staff and leaders continue to perform extra measures to ensure that things will be safe, taking into consideration the guidelines of our health communities.

Traditional Service:

(Beginning Sunday, March 21, at 8:30AM onsite in West Sanctuary)

1. When you enter the West Sanctuary, you will notice that rows of pews have been blocked off to accommodate for social distancing. We are asking you to observe a 6-foot distance between you and any others who are seated or standing near you—unless they are members of your family.
2. We will be accommodating enough seats for 50% of our normal capacity. So, we are asking those of you who wish to join us for in-person worship to make a reservation. You can do so in one of these ways:
 - a. by making a reservation on our church’s website <https://www.stpauls.faith> and clicking on the “Worship Reservation” button on the Home Page.
 - b. by calling the church office Monday through Friday – 717-367-1889 – during normal office hours. If you call after hours, please leave a message on the general office voice mail and a staff member will return your call to complete your registration.

Reservations will be accepted both online and by phone beginning on the Monday prior to the service.

When you make your reservation online, you will receive an email confirmation. Reservations made thru the office for those without email will receive a verbal confirmation only. When you arrive for your service, there will be volunteers noting your presence once you have entered the church. We are doing check-in to know who was in the building if the need arises to provide contact-tracing.

3. We will **BE SINGING WITH MASKS ON** for all on-site sanctuary worship services with a live congregational leader.
4. When you arrive, you will enter through the **MAIN DOORS ONLY**. Obviously, if you have ADA accessibility needs, feel free to use the **Portico Entrance**. These main doors will be open. Greeters (who will be masked) will welcome you. Those who have not checked-in will be guided to volunteers to complete the process. You will then come up the main stairs on the **RIGHT SIDE** and head directly to the sanctuary where ushers will be assisting in seating.

Contemporary Service:

(Beginning Sunday, March 28, at 10:15AM onsite in the South Parking Lot)

1. Our on-site Contemporary Service will be held in the South Parking Lot (Summit Street) initially to give the grounds a chance to dry out:
 - a. The back row (closest to Summit Street) will be reserved for those who wish to remain in their cars for the service.
 - b. The remainder of the parking lot will be available for those wishing to setup chairs or blankets. If you plan on sitting in this area, please park in the Locust Street parking lot (front of the church) or on the street.
 - c. There will be risers along the south wall of the church where the service participants will be located.
2. The service will also be broadcast over **87.9 FM** within proximity to the church for those who prefer to stay in their cars or who may want to park along the street.
3. Masks will be required for arrivals, exits, interactions with others, use of restrooms, and anytime you are in the church facilities. Masks are optional once seated.
4. We will **BE SINGING** for all on-site outdoor worship services with a live congregational leader. Song sheets will be provided by ushers as you arrive.
5. If it is misting or raining at 10:15AM or there is forecast for wet weather during the service, the service will be moved inside to the South Sanctuary and all guidelines listed above for the Traditional Service will apply to this service as well.

Children's Ministry:

(Beginning Sunday, April 4, at 10:15AM onsite service)

1. Children's Ministry will be providing a program for K-3rd grade children during the outside services only.
2. In the case of inclement weather requiring the service to move indoors, children will worship with their families. No inside children's program will be provided.
3. Parents are asked to register their children each week using the "Worship Registration" button on our website home page (www.stpauls.faith).
4. Children will be dismissed from the service to the portico area (along Oak Street) for their time together. Parents/guardians should then pick up their children from the portico area at the end of the service.

5. At this time, the nursery and programs for younger children will not be offered for any service.

JAM:

1. JAM (4th-6th Grades) will continue having a JAM Session on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM via Zoom. Any changes to the current schedule will be communicated via email.

Lifeline:

1. Lifeline scheduling will be communicated directly to our youth, via the parent's email, and thru the weekly e-notes.

General Responsibilities of All:

Also, with the decision to join us for in-person worship comes some specific expectations and responsibilities that we will share for the good of everyone's experience. These responsibilities include the following:

1. **We are requiring everyone to wear a Face Mask.** Obviously, we won't be expecting that infants and children under 6 years old to wear a mask, but everyone 6 years old and older would need to be masked. We realize that some of you may not want to wear a mask, but we are asking you to do so to honor this boundary. Let's do this for the benefit of all. If you are downright against the wearing of masks, then we invite you to participate with our online worship services from your home.
2. Common areas / gathering spaces will continue to be closed – including our café.
3. Hand sanitizer stations will be positioned at various spots and we want to encourage frequent use of them.
4. If you need to sneeze or cough – cover your mouth and nose or sneeze or cough into your elbow.
5. Our Restrooms will be cleaned prior to the services. But generally, if you use the facilities, please wipe down the counter surfaces after use and then use hand sanitizer as you exit.
6. We will not be using or handing out any bulletins or Weeklies. If you are accustomed to taking notes during the sermons (which we love!), you will need to bring your own notebook and pen or pencil. You will also need to bring your own Bible – because we have removed all the Bibles and Hymnals from the sanctuaries. Connection Cards and Pew Envelopes have also been removed from the sanctuaries.

7. We will not be shaking hands or hugging or high fiving. Let's greet each other instead with a smile, a bow, and a word of greeting.
8. If you are HIGH RISK – whether because of age or health conditions – or if you are sick, especially with a fever and/or a cough, please stay home and keep worshipping with us online. Before you sign up, consider the following questions. In fact, if you answer yes to any of these questions, please stay at home and watch the service online (for the safety of others): Do you have a fever? Are you not feeling well? Do you have a cough? Have you, or anyone in your family tested positive for COVID-19? While we would love to see you, we love you more – and want you to stay healthy.
9. Now, you also need to know that we are not going to be social distancing police. We are not going to be walking around enforcing rules. Instead, we are expecting that each of us will put the needs of others ahead of our own. Let's rise to the occasion and do our best to show love to one another. After all, our mission is to out-love the world. Let's start with one another in the church.

We look forward to regathering as God defines how we do church. Let's stay positive, hopeful and loving.

We miss you and we love you. See you in person or online beginning March 21!