



# ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

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May 11, 2020

### PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AT OLD ST. ANDREW'S

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me. —Psalm 84.*

1. Please know and understand, first and foremost, that we will make every effort at Old St. Andrew's for your health and safety, while maintaining a respectful worship service that is as close as possible to our usual worship. As such, we are not responsible for any health condition that may arise after you come to Old St. Andrew's or as a result of your attendance. Each individual and family must decide what is best for them. Please do not come to worship if you feel ill in any way or are running a fever. This is for the health and safety of others. You must wear a protective mask inside the church. Please bring any hand sanitizer or wipes that you would like to use.
2. There have been certain guidelines imposed by our Diocese that we must abide by, in order to reopen for worship services. They are as follows, *with Old St. Andrew's responses to the requirements given in italics*:
  1. Communion in one kind only (bread) can be offered at the altar rail, and the altar rail must be sanitized in between each recipient receiving the Eucharist. Pre-consecrated host is permissible. *Because of these requirements by the Diocese relating to Holy Eucharist and the altar rail, ushers will distribute packets of pre-consecrated wafers and wine as congregants enter the Church. Please do not come to the altar rail.*
  2. No nursery can be provided.
  3. No coffee hour or fellowship opportunities can be offered.
  4. Only online classes and studies can be offered.
  5. No handshakes or hugs can be exchanged.
  6. Everyone other than clergy and choir must wear a mask inside the Church building.
  7. No passing of the offering plate. *Because of this requirement, we will have an offering basin in the center aisle for you to drop your offering envelope into. Please do not touch the offering basin.*
  8. The Church must be sanitized between services. *Because of this requirement, we will have three Sunday services, at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00.*

9. No congregational singing is allowed. *Because of this requirement, only the Family Service Music Team (9:30) and the choir (11:00) will sing.*

3. A maximum number of persons will be allowed into the Church, counting clergy and choir, for any worship service until further notice. The actual number allowable will depend upon social distancing, but it is inconceivable that this number could exceed 100 people total. Father Marshall will have to decide when we have reached maximum allowable capacity, given social distancing requirements. Absolute capacity will be 50 percent of normal capacity and will have to allow for proper social distancing. If a family takes up an entire row, then the rows in front of them and behind them will have to be vacant. If only two persons sit on a row, then the persons in the next row in front of them will be seated so as to maximize space between them. What we envision is a “checkerboard” pattern around the Church so as to maximize spacing and allow for more seating.
4. Weather permitting, loudspeakers will be provided for outdoor seating. If you would like to sit outside, please bring a lawn chair. Seating should be only on patio and sidewalk areas to protect the grass. Side (transept) doors will be open to allow fresh air and to provide viewing to those outside. If we reach maximum capacity inside the Church, those coming after capacity is reached will have to sit outside.
5. Please do not go into Magee House (the parish hall) except to use the restrooms. If you use the restrooms, please be careful to minimize touching surfaces in the restrooms and hallways. These surfaces will be wiped down as often as possible on Sundays. Prior to each worship service in the Church, we will wipe down all pews, pew backs, altar rails, and any other surfaces that would be susceptible to touching. Please refrain from touching anything in the Church if possible.
6. You must bring and wear a mask to come into the Church. Please bring any hand sanitizer and wipes that you would like to use.
7. Please wait at the entrance to the Church to be seated by an usher. Seating will be spaced so as to maximize social distancing while allowing the maximum number of worshippers in the Church. The usher will direct you to your pew. Your pew door will remain open. We will not be kneeling, so please refrain from touching the door to the pew box or the latch, or the pew backs.
8. You will be provided a worship bulletin by the usher for your use during the service. After the service, please either take the bulletin home with you or drop the bulletin into the blue recycling bin outside the church. This will minimize touching and social contact.

9. We will not kneel for confession or prayer but will remain seated during worship. This will allow us to refrain from touching the kneelers.
10. Please do not come to the altar rail at any time before, during or after the service, for the safety of all.
11. Pew box doors will be and will remain open to minimize touching.
12. The baptismal font will be empty. Please do not touch it.
13. After the service, we will exit the Church by row upon invitation from the usher, beginning with the rear of the Church. The side transepts will be used as well. Persons seated in the front of the Church may elect to leave by the transept doors. Please maintain social distance after the service.
14. Our Wednesday morning 10:30 service will resume, with these same requirements in place. Please consider this Wednesday service as an alternative to attendance at Sunday worship. *Live-streamed Sunday worship of our 9:30 and 11:00 services will continue permanently.*

Please know that I realize these requirements are stringent, and yet they are necessary first steps for us to be able to resume attendance at Sunday worship. Please take into consideration that the underlined requirements listed above are requirements by our Diocese, and it will not serve any of us to dispute these requirements with me or your clergy. These requirements are for our health and safety and hopefully will be eased over time.

I love you all and hope to be able to greet you as we resume worship Sunday, May 17. May God bless us and keep us safe and healthy as we resume attendance at worship.

In Christ, Father Marshall +