

What to expect with re-opening St. Augustine's for in-person worship

When: Beginning in June 21, 2020 we will do our best to provide worship available both online and in-person. People may participate either in-person or from home via livestream or Zoom.

Intent: Our hope is to make worship available for both those who would like to be in-person as well as those who prefer, for reasons of safety and vulnerable health, to continue worshipping via livestream from home.

Phasing in: We do not want to put folks at risk and for this reason will move slowly as we make adjustments in the spaces we use as well as the continuing live-stream.

Church interior:

- All prayer books, hymnals, hand fans and envelopes have been removed to minimize surfaces that might become sources of viral spread
- No flowers on the altar to minimize vessels that require handling (we hope to use potted plants which will not require removal, arranging, etc.)
- Surfaces will be cleaned following CDC guidelines after service
- Windows and doors will be open and fans will be operating to maximize ventilation
- Pews will be marked to indicate safe places to sit

Worship services:

- We will continue with one service at 9:00 a.m.
- Worship will be shortened in length to reduce exposure time — closer to 30 minutes in length
- Congregational and choir singing is suspended
- Morning Prayer will continue until safe distribution of Holy Eucharist can be reasonably established. (Historical note: Morning Prayer was the primary liturgy for Sunday worship through the 1970's.)
- Printed Orders of Worship will be available for those who attend in person. Please take yours with you when you leave.
- Offerings can be dropped in the bowl in the Narthex; the plate will not be passed.

Assess and re-assess:

- Please let Vicar Diana know of any concerns you may have.
- We will make necessary adjustments as the need arises.
- Understand that the spread of the virus appears to spike, flatten and spike. If infection rates increase and a return to previous safety measures go into effect, or if our logistics team determines it prudent we will return to worship on-line only.