

Worship Preview

As we continue our in person worship we want to let you know what you can expect when you worship with us at St. James.

The COVID Team and Council have put a lot of thought and effort into these protocols with the intention of making this a safe experience for all those who attend.

We ask that if you do not feel well, that you do not attend in person worship and join us on Facebook Live.

Masks: You will need to wear a mask at all times while inside the church.

Spacing: You are asked to keep at least a six foot distance between yourself/your family unit and others, especially in the hallways as you enter into the building and worship space.

Sign in: You will be asked to sign in before entering the sanctuary so we have a record of all people attending worship. We have room for approximately 65 people in the sanctuary, with overflow in the adult Sunday School Room, which would require you to watch on your electronic devices.

Movement: You will be asked to go directly to your seat and not visit with other people while standing in the hallway or aisles. You will be required to stay in the hallway and the sanctuary areas only.

Greeter/Ushers: When you walk in the door you will see a greeter/usher who will help direct you in the necessary traffic flow.

Sanitizing: You will be asked to sanitize your hands before you enter the sanctuary.

Signage: You will see signs reminding you to wear a mask and to maintain social distance.

Bulletins: You will be able to print or bring with you on your electronic device a bulletin that is emailed to you by Saturday. A very limited number of printed bulletins will be available for those that do not have this printing ability. Please let an usher know, who will bring you one once you are seated and before the service begins.

Seating: You will enter the sanctuary using the back doors. You will be directed to a seat by the ushers. We will be seating from the front of the church to the back. Additionally, we will be sitting in every other pew and will maintain at least six feet of distance between families. We understand that you may miss your "regular" seat. We ask your cooperation as this will allow us to more efficiently seat people.

Music: You will be able to enjoy music during the service, but there will not be any group singing.

Speaking: You will be able to participate in the Lord's Prayer in a soft voice. You will also be able to speak some responses in a soft voice.

Sharing the Peace: You will be able to share the peace from your seat. You may wave at others, but will not be able to hug, shake hands, or touch people outside of your family.

Communion: You will have a communion packet available as you leave the church and will be asked to partake of communion upon leaving the church.

Dismissal: You will be directed to leave the church by the ushers. We will dismiss by rows, starting in the front and working to the back. We will exit from the Adams St. doors located at the front of the sanctuary.

Offering: You will be able to leave your offering in either the locked mailbox before you enter the building or at a stationary offering basket in the sanctuary.

Bathroom: The bathrooms on the ground and sanctuary floors will be available.

Parking lot: You will be able to visit with your brothers and sisters in Christ in the parking lot if you wish. Please socially distance while doing so. Masks are recommended.

Nursery: The nursery will not be available.

Time: The service will last approximately 30 minutes.

Cleaning: The sanctuary and narthex have undergone cleaning prior to the first service. These areas are also cleaned every week following CDC guidelines.

Community: We ask that you follow all of these protocols. If you are unable or unwilling to follow all of these protocols, we ask that you wait to join us until you are comfortable.