

A Note from Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

We rejoice with the Psalmist when he says, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord!" [The good news is that Consistory voted to resume corporate worship on Sunday, July 5th at 10 am!!!](#) I am looking forward to being in worship that day and being in a familiar place with familiar people that choose to gather.

The Congregational Survey responses indicated that most wanted to resume as soon as possible or resume with precautions and reservations. The Consistory understands that St. Andrew's falls into the older age/higher risk category, so while the good news is that the congregation will be gathering again, there will be some guidelines/procedures that you will be asked to follow. If you have gone to the grocery store, doctor, dentist, post office, or any other retail store, you know that changes are being made in the way that we gather. The Church is no different, so you will notice changes here, too. Please interpret these guidelines/procedures as looking out for your health, safety and well-being. When God gave the people of Israel the Ten Commandments, they were not offered as restrictions, but as pathways for fuller living. These are offered with that same spirit!

BUILDING

- There will be two points of entry and exit from the building; from the barrier free Ann Arbor Street entrance and the Fourth Street entrance.
- Face masks are required to be worn while in the building. Masks will be available if you forget yours.
- Upon entering, sanitizer stations are available at the sanctuary entrance. After sanitizing your hands, go directly into the Sanctuary and be seated by practicing the social distancing of 6 feet apart in the marked areas. Families will be seated together. Assistance will be given by the ushers, if necessary.

WORSHIP

- We gather to worship the Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit; so, let's strive to keep God as the focus and if possible, try not to be too distracted by all these new procedures.
- Bulletins may be picked up before entering the sanctuary; the offering plate will also be placed at the sanctuary entrance.
- There will be no singing; therefore, there will be no use of the hymnals or Bibles. If you wish to follow the Scripture readings, please bring your own Bible.
- As this is a Communion Sunday, pre-packaged Communion elements will be available for pick-up along with your bulletins at the Sanctuary entrance. Please dispose of the cups and wrappers by taking them home or placing them in trash containers in the Narthex.
- Worshippers will be dismissed from the back pews first and then moving forward.

- **If you wish to speak with your neighbors, please greet them when outside of the building.**

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM...

- Gathering and participating in worship if you are not feeling well, or if someone in your home is not feeling well, or if for any reason you are unable to wear a mask.
- Using the Fellowship Hall entrance, because it will remain locked.
- Using drinking fountains.
- Going downstairs and using restrooms; although restrooms are available if necessary.
- Gathering and socializing in the Narthex.

Please remember that this is a first attempt at re-gathering. We will be on a learning curve and we are open to hearing your suggestions, too!

WELCOME BACK ST. ANDREW'S!!!

It will be good to be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, with the right people!!! That's being RIGHT ON!!!

Peace and Prayers,
In Christ,
Pastor Bigelow

For the Consistory,
Carol Jones,
President