



COVID-19 Update

Greetings, friends!

As you may know, Congregation Council met this past Monday evening and, in light of the most recently issued CDC guidance, made some decisions for our congregation going forward.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

We will continue for now with **one 10:30 am service on Sunday mornings**. Again, *we have not forgotten our Saturday night and Sunday early service worshippers*; we have every intention of bringing those services back. However, while we are in this pastoral transition phase and relying on supply pastors for our worship services, we will stick to one service only.

Effective this coming Sunday, May 23, the following **COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted**:

- The **capacity limit** is removed, so we will be returning to full capacity.
- **Sign-ups** for worship services are no longer required.
- We will **no longer screen** attendees upon arrival.
- **Masking and social distancing** will no longer be required for those who have been vaccinated. *For those who have not been vaccinated*, Council strongly recommends that you continue to mask and observe social distancing, but you are on the honor system for compliance.
- **The blue tape & smiley stickers** will be removed from sanctuary pews **EXCEPT** that they will remain in **one section (the pew section in front of the cry room)**, which will be reserved for anyone who would be more comfortable continuing to mask and/or maintaining social distance between pews. No one will be required to sit in this section; it is voluntary only, in an effort to accommodate all levels of comfort as we move forward.
- The **nursery** will remain closed, for now, particularly since children under 12 are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. For young children, the **cry room** will continue to be available, as well as **changing stations** in our bathrooms.
- We will discontinue **parking lot communion**.
- The **current communion practice** will continue as is, for now.
- We will continue asking you **NOT** to have **food or drink** in the building. Council will continue to monitor COVID numbers and, at some point in the future, will consider resuming our pre-pandemic Coffee Hour.
- **Livestreaming of all services will continue!**

MEETINGS @ ST. TIMOTHY: CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Congregational groups may start meeting in the building. A few items to note:

- It will be in the **discretion of each Committee / Task Force Chair** to decide whether to continue with Zoom meetings, to begin in-person meetings, or to have a hybrid meeting.
- Whatever you decide, **please be sure to email the Church Office to schedule any in-person meetings (in advance of the meeting)** so that we can avoid confusion and potential conflicts.
- If you wish to continue **Zoom meetings**, the Church Office will continue to be available to schedule those and provide Zoom invitation links.

MEETINGS @ ST. TIMOTHY: OUTSIDE GROUPS

Outside groups **will NOT be invited to meet in the building just yet**. The Council will revisit this issue again at their June meeting.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your patience as we have all struggled together over this past year. Council, staff, committee and task force chairs, and congregation members alike have shown – and continue to show – an amazing degree of adaptability and resourcefulness, and for that I am grateful!

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Questions?

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