

June 1, 2020

We are looking forward to reuniting our church family for worship at St. John's. Using a combination of government guidelines, conference suggestions, common sense, and faith, we have worked together on a plan for re-opening our church. We would like to outline it for you here, so you know what to expect.

Our goal is to provide an environment that maintains a level of safety that allows all of us to feel comfortable meeting together for worship services. We welcome both your input and your prayers as we put this plan into action. We will be worshipping together for the first time on Sunday, June 21, at 11:00 a.m.

The following is a list of practices we will put in place that morning:

We are asking that everyone wears a mask while entering the building and wear it during the time we are together. We will have some available for anyone who forgets, or who needs one to use.

Inside the vestibule there will be hand sanitizer available, and attendance information will be recorded for contact tracing purposes if necessary.

You will be seated by ushers to maximize our space and comply with social distancing requirements.

During the service, there will be no passing the peace or children's sermon.

The offering will be received in a basket at the top of the steps.

People will exit the sanctuary at the direction of the ushers.

There will be no social hour following the service.

We will continue to use these measures as long as they seem necessary. Again, we will work together to feel "normal" again as soon as possible, keeping in mind everyone's safety and level of comfort. We certainly understand that each of us approaches this situation with different feelings and health challenges. We ask that everyone be aware that each person must make his/her own decisions when it comes to being ready to join in our worship services. We ask for your cooperation and your support as we walk into our future at St. John's, knowing that God will be with us, and that we will be there for each other.

Sincerely,

Pastor Tony and Members of Consistory