

These requirements for reopening the church for worship are based upon the Diocesan guidelines issued by the Bishop, as well as the recommendations from the CDC and federal and local governments. Our aim is to provide a safe environment for all worshipers by minimizing close physical interactions and potential transmission of droplets.

For your safety and for the well-being of others, **PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH** if you have a fever or severe cough, feel ill, or have been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if a medical condition makes it impossible for you to wear a mask. Masks are not optional.

The service will be available online by Sunday evening. Guidelines for those attending worship in person are as follows:

- St Philip's will hold **two services** in the church (8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) each Sunday **beginning on August 23. A recording of the 10:30 service will be made available on Sunday evening** on our Vimeo and YouTube channels.
- Due to social distancing guidelines that reduce maximum occupancy to about 20%, **reservations will be required for both services.**
- Everyone is welcome. Those at higher risk are strongly encouraged to worship online with us from the safety of their homes.
- **All persons over the age of two must wear their own mask** to the service. All clergy, lay ministers, and members of the congregation must be masked, per the protocol from Bishop Lawrence. Clergy will wear masks except when speaking during the service.
- Reservations will be honored until five minutes prior to the start of each service, at which point remaining pews will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Both 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will be services of Morning Prayer. The 8:15 a.m. service will be a said service (no music), and the 10:30 a.m. service will have organ and choir. **Congregational singing is suspended until further notice.**
- The ground floor of the Parish House will be open during the services for access to the restrooms. All other campus facilities and the church office will remain closed.
- No coffee will be available.
- Childcare will be available beginning Sunday, September 6.
- **Entrance will be through the north and south (side) doors to the narthex only.**
- Bulletins containing the entire service will be distributed when you enter the building. Please do not use the books in your pews. Please take the bulletin home with you.
- **Sanitize your hands with the provided hand sanitizers before entering** the sanctuary.
- **Ushers will seat parishioners in designated pews** from the front of the church to the rear—please sit in your designated pew. (We realize this will be a change for those accustomed to sitting in a particular place, but nearly two-thirds of the pews will not be available for seating. The open pews were chosen to maintain at the least the minimum 6-foot distance.)
- Members of the same household may be seated together; however, social distancing must be maintained with other congregants.
- Family units must enter the church **at the same time** to be seated together.
- Please place your offering in the baskets near the doors as you enter or exit. Alternatively, you may continue to mail your check to the church office or give online at our website.
- **Exiting will be led by ushers** from the rear of the church to the front. Please respect the 6-foot distancing, and **do not exit your pew until the usher has opened your pew door.** All three doors in the narthex will be open for exit. **Unfortunately, there will not be a receiving line.**
- **Sanitize hands before leaving the church** with the provided hand sanitizers.
- Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or touching.
- **Please do not congregate in the narthex or under the portico** after the service.
- Maintain social distancing (of a minimum of 6 feet) at all times, **and after exiting, keep your mask on until you enter your vehicle.**

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. –Romans 13:10