

SAINT PETER POLICY FOR WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
Effective September 20, 2020
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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

The 11:00 Sunday worship service will be recorded or live-streamed or both.

1. A maximum of 90 individuals may worship in the sanctuary during any service. The handbell choir and the choir count as worshippers. The worship team is not in that count. Overflow of registered worshippers or walk-ups totaling up to 25 will be seated in the Fellowship in designated seats at the discretion of the check-in team for that day. Walk-ups will be signed in by name for contact tracing.
2. Social distancing of at least 6' must be maintained at all times.
3. **Masks that cover the nose and mouth must be worn upon entering the building and must continue to be worn during the service and until leaving the building.** Masks are not required outside the building for vaccinated worshippers if socially distanced.
4. Individuals must park in the rear parking lot and enter through the rear doors while maintaining appropriate social distance from one another. Doors will open fifteen minutes before the service.
5. All who enter the Sanctuary must use hand sanitizer that will be available at the door.
6. An usher will guide worshippers down the center aisle to their seats. Worshippers are asked not to move to another seat.
7. Bulletins will only be available in the pews where attendees will be seated.
8. Worship leaders must wear masks that cover their noses and mouths unless speaking or singing behind a plexiglass screen.
9. No passing of the peace or physical contact among attendees.
10. Masked singing, unison speaking or praying, and masked talking is permitted inside. Outside services allow unmasked singing if socially distanced.
11. Solo brass or wind instruments may be played in the sanctuary by fully-vaccinated musicians.
12. An offering box will be located in the Narthex.
13. Communion using individually wrapped elements. Designated members, wearing masks and gloves, will distribute to attendees. A place to dispose of packaging will be available as attendees exit.

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14. There is no access to the mailboxes. Access to the kitchen must be asked for and approved by one of the pastors. The use of the bathrooms in the administrative suite is discouraged, but they may be used so long as the user cleans the bathroom after using it. Cleaning supplies will be available in the bathroom. The door into the administrative suite and the bathroom doors shall be propped open to minimize hard surface contact.
15. At the end of the service, exit the Sanctuary by the center aisle and move promptly outdoors. Please do not mingle and talk in the Narthex, where social distancing is not possible.

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY ON OTHER DAYS

1. When feasible or practicable, the above procedures applicable to Sunday worship apply. This includes pre-registration.
2. When weather interferes with outdoor worship, including Wednesday night worship, the pastors may decide to cancel the service or to move the service into the sanctuary without requiring pre-registration. The number of attendees may not exceed the maximum number permitted for Sunday worship in the sanctuary. All attendees must wear masks and must be seated at least 6' from others who are not in their household. Where possible, the other rules applicable to Sunday worship will apply.

NOTES: COUNCIL MAY AMEND OR REVOKE THESE RULES AT ANY TIME, DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES. If you attend a worship service in the sanctuary, you acknowledge you are taking a chance of catching COVID-19.

You should not attend a meeting or service on church property if you have a fever or other COVID symptoms in the last two weeks.

People who are at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are very strongly encouraged to stay home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") defines high-risk individuals as people 65 years or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, including people who are immunocompromised or who have cancer, chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, sickle cell disease, or Type 2 diabetes mellitus.