

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT REGATHERING

When will I/we be able to come to an in-person service in the church?

In August there will be a trial period during which in-person worship will be available in English and in Spanish. Following an assessment of this trial period, we expect that in-person services will continue, with service times posted in the bulletin and on the website.

Will online church continue to be available? Yes. Streaming will continue for the foreseeable future.

What measures are being taken to ensure the safety of those attending in-person church services?

To protect your health and that of others:

- The church will be cleaned before and after each service.
- The seating plan in the church has been modified to permit social distancing
- Parishioners will make reservations for the in-person services they wish to attend
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all who might need it
- Parishioners will be required to wear masks before entering the church and at all times during the services
- Parishioners will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter the church
- No singing will be allowed by parishioners

Why do I have to make a reservation?

Reservations, which can be made online or by phone, will ensure that we do not exceed the number of people allowed in the space by the State of Delaware. This is in accordance with Covid-19 regulations. Seating will be arranged to accommodate the appropriate number of individuals and family groupings.

Will I be able to receive communion?

Yes. The Holy Communion will be distributed in one kind only: the host/bread will be placed in the hand. Parishioners will go up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. In front of the freestanding altar, parishioners will be met by the Celebrant, who will place the host in the parishioner's hand. The parishioner returns to his/her seat via the side aisle and consumes the host after being seated. The Celebrant will sanitize his/her hands at multiple points to ensure safety. As a reminder, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive, but no one is obligated to receive if he/she is concerned about personal safety.

Will I have to wear a mask in church?

Yes. All those attending in-person services will be required to wear masks. Should you forget your mask, one will be provided for you prior to your entering the church.

Will there be music in the church?

Yes. Every effort will be made to be sure that music continues to be a meaningful part of our worship at Trinity. However, no congregational singing is planned at this time because of the danger of spreading the Covid-19 virus via singing.

How will seating be arranged in the church?

The seating plan in the church has been modified to permit social distancing. Both individuals and family groups can be accommodated.

Will I be able to sit with my friends?

Social distancing measures require that only members of a household can sit together.

Will I be able to shake hands with the priest and my friends during or after the service?

Unfortunately, no. In order to reduce the chance of transmitting the virus, there will be no physical contact during or after the services with clergy or fellow parishioners.

Will services be held in the chapel?

No in-person services will be held in the chapel at this time.

Will child care and Sunday School be provided?

Not at this time. Social distancing measures do not allow for these activities at this point.

Will the Trinity van be available for transportation?

Unfortunately, no. The van puts both passengers and the driver very close to one another and is not permitted at this time.