

NEWS FROM THE REGATHERING COMMITTEE

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RETURNS TO TRINITY

Beginning this Sunday, August 9, in-person worship services will be held at 9:30am in English and at noon in Spanish at Trinity Church. The services will continue to be livestreamed for those who wish to worship online.

Reservations are required for in-person worship. To make a reservation, go to the EventBrite link, which is <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/trinity-episcopal-church-30661158154>, Monday from 6am through Thursday at 7pm. Or you can phone the Trinity Office (302.652-8605) Monday through Thursday between 9am – 4pm.

Because of Covid-19, making a reservation includes collection of contact information (name/s, phone, email) and health-screening details about exposure to the virus. You will also be asked to read and consent to the Trinity Parish Covenant for Regathering in Worship (below).

Expectations of attendance include

- Social distancing, staying at least 6' apart from others
- Having your temperature taken at check-in
- Having a signed Covenant or being prepared to sign the Covenant
- Wearing a mask at all times

There will also be changes to the worship. Entry to the church will be through the lobby, where you will be checked in. Please seat yourself in a grouping that matches the number in your party, as the number of seats is limited. There will be no congregational singing. Peace will be offered by nodding to one another. The host only will be offered at communion. The exit will be through the vestibule door at the rear of the church.

COVENANT

If you plan to attend in-person worship you are asked to read the Covenant and offer consent.

TRINITY PARISH: COVENANT FOR REGATHERING IN WORSHIP

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of Trinity Parish and the Diocese of Delaware for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant, I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part.

- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am healthy and non-symptomatic with the novel coronavirus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant;

Respect the dignity of every human being

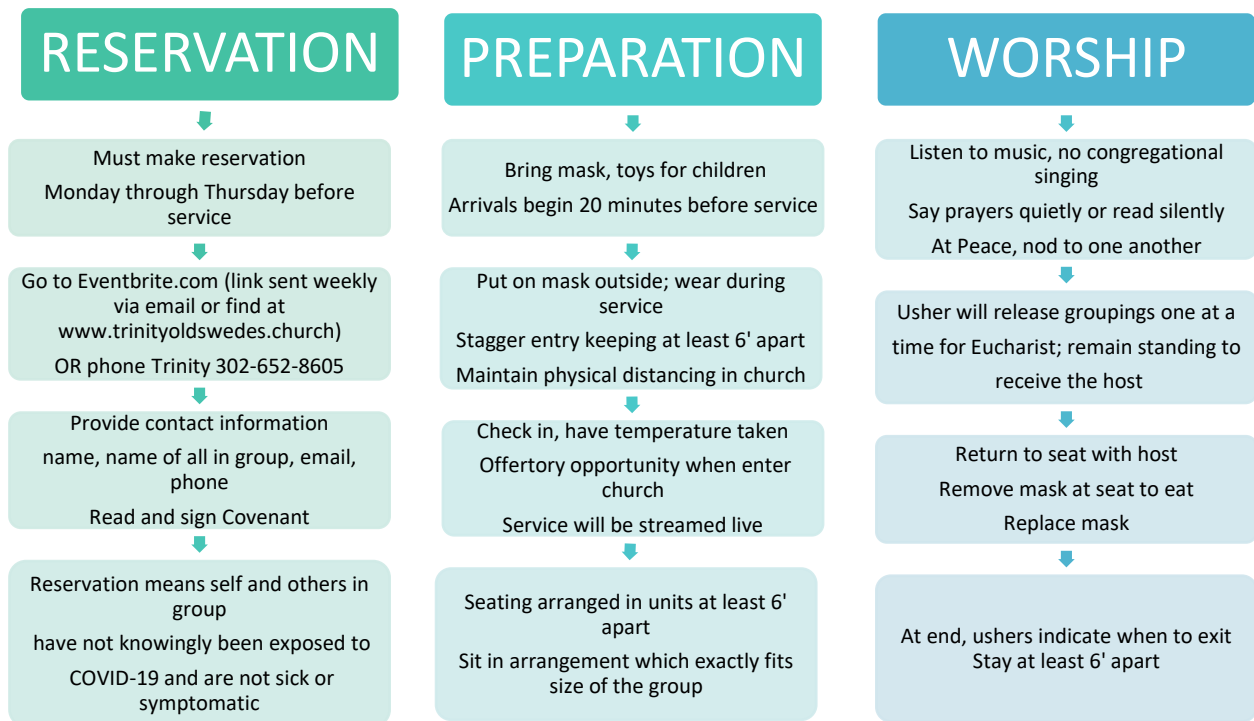
- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintain a six-foot or greater distance from others in the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others, even as restrictions are reduced.

Seek and serve Christ in all people

- Trust and support the decisions of our congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, email, video chat, or mail.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: NEW CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES

The chart below outlines the new in-person procedures and processes.



If you have questions, please go to the Trinity Parish website trinityoldswedes.church or contact a member of the Regathering Committee, Ashlin Bray (chair), Joanne Barton, the Reverend Charles Lane Cowen, Kim Denhardt, Martha Diver, and Chris Ennis.