

Guidelines for Communion and Prayer:

These services will be short, with only the offering of communion and a time of prayer. One way to think of this plan is that the 10:30 online service has everything up to the Peace, and these new offerings have everything after the Peace.

1. The number of people will be limited to 14 households. Therefore, you will need to sign up ahead of time. You can do so online ([here](#)) or by calling Kelly at the church office (850-432-5115). Each household will sit together, therefore each household will sign up for one spot (notice this is one per household. Each person in a household does not need to sign up for a slot. A household is anyone who resides together – whether you live alone or with your family or with friends/roommates. For example: the Hoffman’s, as a family of four, would sign up for one spot, not four. Likewise, Rev. Katie, as a person who lives alone, would sign up for one spot. All household types are welcome, whether you live by yourself or with others.) And please only sign up for one service per week.
2. Households will sit at designated spaces that are all over 10 feet apart. Our church holds 500 people, so we will be considerably less than 10% full. Everyone is expected to maintain good social distancing.
3. **EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.** If you forget a mask, we will have extra masks at the door. The wearing of masks is in the Diocesan mandates and the CDC recommendations. Remember that this is not about your preference, but about protecting others and making them feel at peace.
4. If you are at higher risk for illness, stay home. If you do not feel well or have been in contact with someone who has been sick, stay home. If you would like communion brought to you, email Walt at walt@christ-church.net. And remember that you are not alone. Reach out to one of the priests or others in the church to stay connected.
5. Communion will be offered in one kind (just the bread). After the Eucharist Prayer, people will be invited to a time of quiet prayer. When they are ready, they will come up to a standing station, where the priest will administer communion. You will then go out the door to the courtyard, remove your mask and consume the bread.
6. Everyone will enter the church from the front doors (Wright St.) and exit through the west transept (courtyard), so park accordingly. All the other doors will remain locked. If you need handicap access, enter through the west transept doors. Sextons will be monitoring the doors to let people through, if needed.
7. There will be no congregation singing, but there will be organ music during prayers and communion.
8. At this stage, there will be no nursery, children’s programming, or coffee hour.

This is the first step towards reopening. We will continue to adapt as new information and guidance from the CDC becomes available. The hope is that we can slowly expand in-person opportunities, but we will only do so if we can protect the safety of our congregation, especially the most vulnerable.

The Church is the people. You are the Church. And we continue to praise and serve God regardless of whether we can gather together in the same building.