

To the People who are Christ Church,

A quick update on in-person worship. Our worship committee met and after a three-week hiatus, Christ Church is resuming our modified in-person services on Sunday, August 9th. This includes the 8am and 5pm Sunday services with the same protocols (masks, 50-person maximum with sign-ups, etc.) For a list of those protocols [click here](#). At this point, the Wednesday noon service will not be in person but will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube. This will create opportunities to practice using our new camera system and allow EDS to use the church space for a small chapel service that morning.

I continue to believe that we all need to do important things but do them differently to limit the spread of COVID-19. Our primary service continues to be our 10:30am service on Facebook/YouTube, but these in-person services provide a quiet time of prayer in our church and the opportunity to receive Holy Eucharist while limiting risk as much as possible.

While the hiatus was in response to elevated COVID-19 cases in the area, it had a secondary benefit. I was able to go on a week's vacation with a sense of peace. I did not realize how much I needed a break until I took one. So, thank you.

If you have any questions my email is michael@christ-church.net.

A couple more-quick things:

1. As our in-person worship more resembles a Christ Church liturgy with music and it is responsible to gather larger numbers, the plan is to add back an in-person 10:30am service that will be streamed live using our new camera service. At that time, the blended service will be our primary service with a medium sized gathering in the church and a greater gathering online.
2. The Director of Music Ministry Search Committee continues to work to find the person that God has called to lead our exceptional choir and music ministry. While COVID-19 has slowed the process down, we are looking to hire someone by the end of 2020.

Remember that God loves you. And we as a church are called to share that love. You are the Church. So, continue to be the Church. I look forward to when we can all gather together again.

In Christ,

Father Michael