



Worship Service Plans for Phase 1 re-opening – September 10, 2020

Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. At this time, with Vestry knowledge and approval, we will hold an outside Sunday worship service at 10:30am with some modifications. We will be following the CDC, Public health Dept, and Diocese of Atlanta guidelines for public gatherings and **I want everyone to know, YOUR presence is NOT an expectation, it is an open invitation. Please do not feel obligated to attend.** I fully support and understand all of our parishioners who choose to stay away from public gatherings, church included. I believe the church should also be all about going on, “about life,” but in meaningful and mindful ways of our current situation. We have set up new procedures to make us mindful of being safe in community with one another. These measures are put in place based on CDC, Health Dept, and the Diocese of Atlanta COVID-19 Safer Standards Chart and is the reference guidance for all ECA worship practices. Now is the time, more important than ever, to be Church, to be the light shining in the darkness, to bring joy in despair, to bring calm in panic, to bring peace in anxiety, to be the hands and feet of Christ to an anxious and hurting world, and above all, be like Christ, to love and pray for ALL. *“As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.” (2 Tim.4:5)* This is what we will do at ECA, today, tomorrow, and always. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Sunday service in-person worship expectations for Phase 1 re-opening.

***If you are not feeling well, sniffles, sore throat, or a little out of breath, or any symptoms related to COVID-19, do not come to church or even be out in public (it could be allergies, but please don't take the chance, for all involved.)**

Here is what to expect if you choose to come to the outside in- person worship service:

1. Please send an email or sign up to ecaparish@gmail.com, there is a limited amount of space for outside in-person worship (Only 50 people at this time and we will rotate families and individuals as needed)
2. As you arrive, please set up your outside area with chairs or blankets, and place canopies (in the back area) and do not have physical contact with any members to include; hugging, shaking hands, etc., for everyone's protection (*there is no wiggle room with this request, those who cannot honor this request will be politely and respectfully asked to watch online*)
3. Please be mindful of distance from one another, certainly ok to sit together with family, but please refrain from close contact.
4. It is best if you use your own BCP or Hymnal, and you can download the bulletin on a smartphone, iPad or tablet (Prayer books and Hymnals will be issued out on sign-up sheet)
5. ***IMPORTANT*** During the PEACE, it is foreign nature to us, but we are asking to please refrain from any contact whatsoever. I understand YOU may be ok, but this is what is needed to reduce the risks for others. It is perfectly acceptable to wave, bow, namaste, Vulcan greeting, or any other acceptable form to acknowledge our greeting one another in the name of Christ. This is for the benefit of ALL.
6. If you sneeze, cough, or touch your face, please use hand sanitizer to reduce contamination possibilities.
7. We will not be passing the collection plates. We will have two locations outside to place your offering, we will bless as usual during the offertory. (*We also now have online giving you can access from the website, it is easy to use and you can designate your offering with easy drop down options*).
8. We will NOT have communion at this time due to bishop's directive (This is not up for debate nor complaints to the bishop, direct your questions to Fr. Paul)
9. Families or individuals may have drinks or food items in their area, but are not to be shared.
10. At the end of the service, Fr. Paul will continue to extend greetings, but we will do so at a safe distance and refrain from contact (*this will be the hardest part of Fr. Paul's ministry, as he truly enjoys the love and warmth we share in greeting one another*).
11. We will not have Nursery or Christian Education for our youth. Children and youth are at lesser risk with complications from COVID-19, but they can still get sick and transmit the illness to adults, the elderly and those who are at greater risk. Children and youth are welcome to come to church and be a

part of the service, restless, loud or quiet, they are very much a part of Church. We will have someone on standby to assist with duties if children need a break during the service. We will also ask the children to wash their hands as often as possible. Please do not leave your children unattended in the Nursery.

And finally, we will continue to livestream the inside church service and we will adapt and adjust as necessary to accommodate as many healthy and safe practices as we can, as we gather for being the Church in these difficult times.

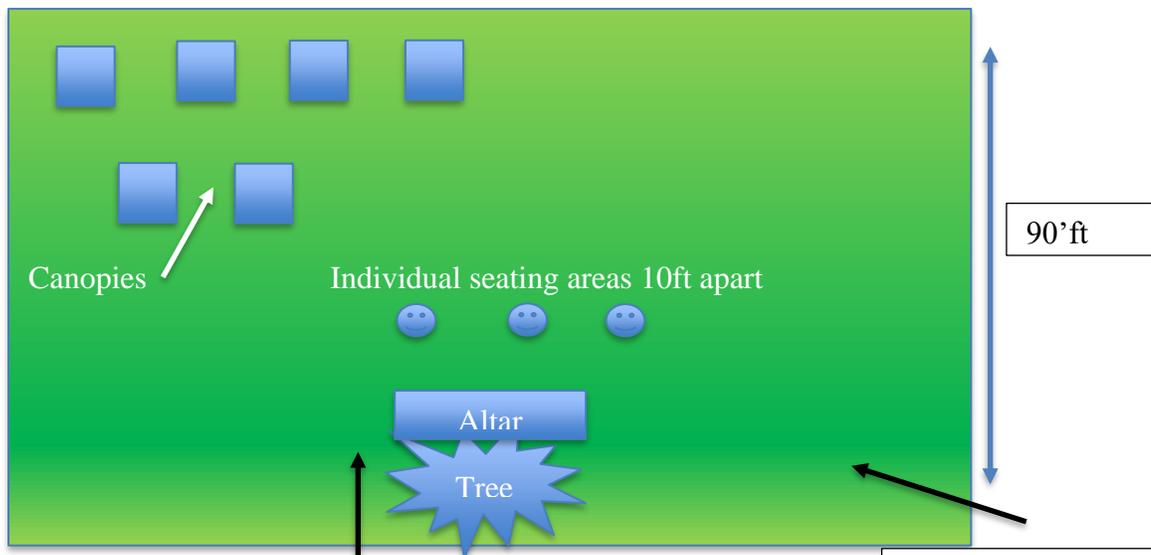
In Christ, Fr. Paul+

ECA Vestry

Wanda Ziembinski, *Sr. Warden*; Chris Renaud, *Jr. Warden*; Suzie Hart, *Secretary of the Vestry*;
Carol Scheidler; Lainey Gaines; Marcia Murphy; Jamie Hreha; Janice Maxwell and John Capawana

ECA Outside Worship space area

ECA field area, Dimensions / 160' x 90' = 14,440 sq ft / 50 persons max



160'ft

