

Greetings to the saints of St. Paul's,

Last Sunday we opened the doors for our 10:30 service! It was great to have people back in church! Of course, we also continued to stream our service. Repeating last week's Rector's Update, physical distancing has lowered our seating capacity. Seating will be first come, first seated basis, and happily last week, everyone got a seat in the church. We are going to continue with our online streaming for the foreseeable future for those who are not ready to return (and continuing delivery of remote Eucharist). The Bishop has encouraged that those 65 and over (and those with underlying health conditions) to continue watching the livestream, rather than attending the service in person. Those who come on Sunday will note some differences, as we are going to worship in compliance with Diocesan strictures. Here are some of the more obvious changes:

- Masks worn by all at worship (except dogs). Please bring your own!
- Sanitizers located at the entrance and exit.
- Worshippers/households separated by 6 feet.
- No tactile passing of the Peace.
- The collection plate placed at the entrance to the Nave, rather than going hand to hand.
- Bread only communion distributed within Diocesan protocols.
- No usual coffee hour.
- Indoor services will not have congregational singing.
- Only one entrance will be used to ensure that we stay within lowered capacity requirements.
- Overflow seating will be available in the Parish Hall with a video projector and speakers.
- When we go to multiple services, there will be a cleaning between services, including bathrooms.

Here's St. Paul's news for the week:

- "For the City" is coming! Our annual ecumenical outreach "For The City" is being shortened to only two days - Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th. All volunteers are asked to come to the Ridgecrest Baptist Church parking lot (6801 Wesley Street) at 8:00am on Friday and Saturday morning to receive a work assignment that matches your skill and ability. There will also be a Prayer ministry going on too. See <http://forthecity.info/> for more information.
- Our St. Paul's Audio/Visual Team looking for members! We've be able to broadcast our service due to the commitment of our Audio/Visual Team, and they would like to train up a crew to share the workload. Please contact Jeff Faunce at 903-413-7791
- We are livestreaming our Sunday services. These are broadcast via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm and can be accessed anytime on our Facebook and YouTube page. The recorded sermon may be found on our website as an MP3.
- The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020. To call in, use one tap mobile: +13462487799,,9037772020# or to dial: +1 346 248 7799. This is the same meeting information as I use for all my meetings.
- We are offering Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via a Zoom meeting, and upload it live if Zoom and Facebook work together (right now, it is below 50% success rate).
- Due to participation in For The City, we are cancelling our Friday morning Bible Study on June 19. It will continue June 26th at 8:00 via Zoom. We are studying 1 Corinthians.

Peace,

Fr. Nick