

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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Re-gathering for Worship September 2020 Safety and Procedures Plan

The last few months have been an unprecedented period for our church community, our country, and our entire world. With the seriousness of Covid-19 and its affects on people of all ages, St. Margaret's leaders, using the Diocese of Maryland guidelines, have been crafting a way for our parish family to come back to in-person worship that is safe for all. Our Sundays will not be the same until our country can offer vaccines, but we can offer on-site worship experiences for parishioners as long as they follow the procedures described in this handout.

As a reminder, our Sunday online services will continue to be offered at 9:00 a.m. on our Facebook public page at www.facebook.com/smcannapolis. You can view the service anytime afterwards as well, either on that page, on our website homepage, or in Dragon Tales weekly e-newsletters.

On Campus Requirements

- Every person on campus must be masked at all times (yes, even when you just run in).
- Should you touch anything such as equipment, doorknobs, lightswitches, etc., please wipe it off with wipes that will be available throughout all buildings.
- Please be courteous and maintain the safe distancing (6 ft) rule with fellow parishioners, clergy, and staff.



On Campus Worship Procedures

- Service Times** → We will offer two worship services, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Cleaning will be done between services.
- Reserve a Seat** → To ensure that there will be safe seating available for everyone who wants to attend, we ask parishioners to go online to Sign-Up Genius each week and reserve a spot for you (and your family). If you do not have online access, you may call the church and tell us your plan to attend and how many there will be with you.
- Masks/
Physical Distancing** → To keep everyone as safe as possible, physical distancing and masks (for attendees over 2 years old) required in the parking lot, outside church, and inside the building. We will have extra masks available in case anyone needs one.
- Childcare** → Initially, **NO CHILDCARE** will be available in the Nursery or other classrooms. Parents are encouraged to bring crayons or activities from home to occupy children in their seats.
- Greeting Others** → As much as we might like, **NO** hugs, kisses, handshakes for anyone outside your family.
- Restroom Use** → Parishioners are requested to minimize restroom use. Only the Narthex bathroom will be available with one person in a bathroom at a time unless part of the same family group. Please use Clorox wipes to disinfect the faucet handles, toilet handles and other touched surfaces before you leave the restroom. Remember to wipe down bathroom door handles as you leave.



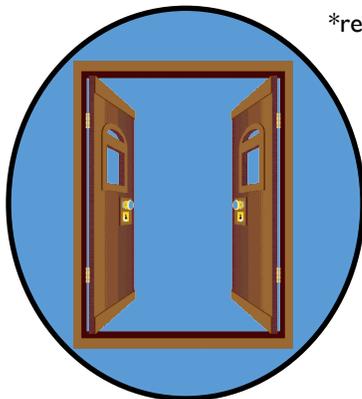
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Entering Sanctuary



Everyone should enter through the Narthex doors and:

- *use hand sanitizer;
- *provide a signed copy the church's Re-gathering Covenant (copy attached) at the first in-person service attended;
- *respond that they meet the following health protocols:
 - They have **NOT** had any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 infection in the last seven days:
 - *Cough (either new, or different than your usual cough);
 - *Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing;
 - *Fever (either subjective, or measured) or chills;
 - *Sore throat;
 - *Unusual muscle pain or unusual headache; or
 - *New loss of taste or smell.



- They have **NOT** had a positive test for COVID-19 infection within the past 10 days.
- They have **NOT** been within six (6) feet for longer than 15 minutes with someone who has suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection.
- They have **NOT** been out of the country in the past two (2) weeks.

Service Seating



Seating in the church will be adjusted to allow physical distancing. Seats will be assigned, and ushers will assist in finding seats. Please wait to be seated if they are assisting other parishioners.

Bulletins



Full-text bulletins with announcements will be prepared and placed at available seats prior to the service. Please take it with you as you leave.

Cell Phones



Parishioners are requested to avoid handling cell phones during the service as they are often germmy and, if a person touches a phone and then puts their hands on a seat or some other common surface, it could result in the spreading of the virus.

In the service



Initially, we will not have communion, and we'll leave the singing (even hymns), which readily transmits the virus, to our soloist cantor and organist who will be 20 feet from others.

Offering



Offering plates will be stationary in the back of the church and near the exit door.

Exiting



When the service ends, parishioners are requested to take their bulletins with them and to ensure social distancing, please wait for the usher to dismiss your pew. You may then exit through the Narthex doors which will be open. If you wish to speak with clergy or staff, please maintain your physical distancing.

Coffeehour



There will be **NO** coffee hour before or after a service.

Sunday Formation



There will be **NO** on-site formation/Sunday School on Sunday mornings at first. Planning is being made for Zoom online lessons and activities.