

PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

SUNDAY SERVICES AND TIMES

- At this time there will be one service at 10 a.m.
- Online offerings will continue live on Facebook and On Demand through the Grace website (www.GraceKirkwood.org) Anyone in a high risk group or with underlying health issues is encouraged to use this option for worship.

CAPACITY/ATTENDANCE

- Gathering of worshippers in the nave is limited to 25% of capacity.
- Overflow guests will be directed to the parish hall where the service will be live-streamed.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- All participants are obliged to wear a mask during the except for the brief moment of receiving Communion.
- Ushers and other volunteers will wear masks and gloves (when gloves are not available, frequent handwashing will be necessary) before, after and during the worship service.
- Specific PPE practices are required for Eucharistic ministers. More details are included under “Holy Communion” below.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

- All worshippers and participants are required to wear a facemask.
- You will be greeted at the door and will be asked to give your name. This is so we can watch capacity and will know who has attended in case of a COVUS-19 case in the congregation.
- Entry is only through the main entrance into the narthex and the handicapped door on the lower level. Other doors are for exit only.
- Doors to the narthex and into the nave will be in or out only and will be identified with signage.

SERVICE LEAFLETS AND HANDOUTS

- Service leaflets and other printed materials will be recycled after each use.
- Hymnals, Prayer Books, the Book of Common Prayer and newcomer literature has been removed from pews.
- Service leaflets will be e-mailed through the weekly iMessenger and you are invited to access them.
- Printed materials are available on the table in the narthex.
- All printed materials will be recycled once they have been touched.

OFFERING

- **Stationary baskets** will be used for donations from the assembly and are to be monitored by the ushers until the donations are collected
- Offering baskets should not be passed, nor will ushers take up the collection from the congregation.
- **Please consider giving your offerin online.**

THE SIGN OF THE PEACE IS SUSPENDED

- **Please stay in the pew and smile or wave at to acknowledge other worshippers**

MUSIC

- **Congregational singing and the use of choirs** is prohibited at this time. Cantors at a safe distance may offer music during worship.
- **Playing the hymn and reciting words is encouraged.**

HOLY COMMUNION

- **If communion is needed from the pew**, the communicant must notify an usher **BEFORE** the service begins.
- **Communicants are to receive the Host in the hand** in keeping with the advice of state health officials and thereby to avoid the Communion minister's fingers encountering saliva or particles exhaled from the communicants' mouth onto the ministers' fingers.
- **Communion ministers must be masked**, must sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Communion, and when at all possible, should utilize a disinfectant wipe or purificator dipped in a sanitizing solution sanitize their fingers when incidental contact is made with the communicant.
- Communicants will receive the wafer only. Receiving only the wafer is full participation in the Eucharist.
- Communion will go forward to receive from the center aisle in a single line. Ushers will guide communicants to the front, keeping social distancing at all times.
- Maintaining a single file is necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion for each Communion minister and communicant to maintain social distancing. Multiple Communion ministers may be used as long as one-way traffic patterns are observed.
- When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant will receive the wafer wearing a full mask. The communicant will walk to a designed area 10 feet from the Communion minister, briefly pull their mask below their chin and consume the wafer. The communicant immediately replaces their mask and returns to the pew,

keeping social distancing at all times.

- Ushers or other volunteers who are masked and gloved will ensure six-foot distancing in the Communion line.
- Communicants will stay at least six feet apart when approaching the Communion minister to receive communion.
- AS THE SERVICE ENDS
 - Doors to the narthex and exiting the nave will be in or out only and will be identified with signage. Please remember to keep social distancing when exiting
 - There will not be a “receiving line” to speak with clergy.
 - The door from the parish hall is for exit only and not for entry.