

Dear members and friends of St. John's

After many weeks of physical distance from each other, the elders and I are very much looking forward to seeing all of you again. According to the recent guidelines of our local and state officials we will begin gathering again for public worship this Sunday, June 14. The guidelines, as applied to our sanctuary suggest that 75 worshippers may gather at a time. This is comfortably above our usual summer attendance, so we intend to hold services at 9 and 11 am this Sunday.

We will continue to livestream the service at 9am for anyone who cannot or is not ready to come back to such a gathering. In particular, if you have a compromised immune system or are particularly at risk to the coronavirus please ensure your physical safety. If you are sick in any way, we ask you to refrain from joining us at this time.

While we will be joining together for worship, there will be some changes. We expect that all congregants will wear a mask in the sanctuary. Masks will be available for those who come without one. Please remember that masks are for the protection of others more than yourself. We will be maintaining physical distance between families within the sanctuary as well. Please use all the available space in the sanctuary, including the front pews! We will have offering plates at the front and back of the sanctuary for your convenience. After the service, we will not be gathering indoors for coffee, although we encourage you to greet each other outdoors while maintaining appropriate distance. Communion will be offered, but we will only use individual cups and will not be kneeling in groups at this time. The details are still being discussed and will be made clear at the service. We will make it as easy as possible to maintain physical separation at all times even as we gather together in the name of the Lord. God is greater than this virus and we pray for His wisdom in protecting the spiritual and physical health of you all.

Please e-mail me at stjholbrook@gmail.com with any questions or concerns. Particularly e-mail if you would like to take communion but are unsure of whether you are able to attend services as outlined above.

Finally, if you are able and willing to help in ushering and/or cleaning between and after services, please e-mail me also

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