



**ST. GEORGE'S**  
Episcopal Church  
Dayton, Ohio

## **In-Building Worship Plan**

*Approved by the Vestry and Rector 10/19/2020*

- Sunday Worship Services to resume November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as follows:
  - 9am – indoor Morning Prayer
  - 11am – indoor Morning Prayer
  - 3pm – outdoor Holy Communion in lower parking lot as long as weather permits
  - 5pm – indoor Morning Prayer
  - Online service (pre-recorded on [YouTube](#) until livestreaming system in place)
- All parishioners, volunteers, clergy, leaders, and anyone in the building must wear masks which properly cover face and nose at all times. The only exception shall be the officiant when leading the liturgy. The officiant shall be at least 20 feet from the congregation.
- Maintain physical distancing at all times, minimum of 6 feet.
- Holy Eucharist will follow posted [guidelines](#) from the bishop.
- For the outdoor service please...
  - Wear a mask
  - Bring your own chair(s)
  - Place your chairs at least 6 feet from others
  - No collection is taken at this service – online giving only
  - Instructions for receiving Communion (bread only) are found in the bulletin
- Bulletins
  - A digital version (pdf) of the bulletin will be emailed in the weekly Messenger Update and posted on the church website each week, click on “[Service Times](#)” under the Worship tab at the top menu to find the pdf for your service.
  - Attendees may print their own bulletin to bring or utilize a mobile device (phone, tablet) to access the bulletin in church.
  - Those who bring their own printed copy from home are expected to either recycle it on the way out or take it back home with them.
  - A few paper bulletins will be set out in the narthex; any who take a bulletin are asked to recycle it after the service or take it home.

### **For All Indoor Services**

#### **Before the service...**

- All who feel sick in any way or demonstrate any symptoms (such as regular sneezing, coughing, aches, chills, etc.), even if believed to be merely seasonal allergies, should stay home
- Temperature shall be checked at the door, those with an above normal temperature will be asked to not enter the building.
- All people attending any service are asked to park in the upper lot or in the Ferneding Insurance parking lot and enter the church building through the main entrance only, so as to minimize usage of the building. All other doors to the building will be locked.
- All people attending will be directed to their seats by ushers so as to be suitably spaced out. Pews will be taped off to indicate appropriate distancing.

- Seating will be per household, whether single, couple, or family. No personal preference is given to seating – households are seating in the order they arrive.
- Please do not arrive more than ten minutes before a service start time; if a line forms while waiting to be seated please allow for at least 6 feet of space between households.

#### **During each service...**

- Remain seated with your household.
- There will not be a processional in or out.
- The offering plate will be placed in the back of the church by the font, it will not be passed around. Please feel free to drop your offering as you come into worship or as you leave, or you may utilize our online giving option, found on our website homepage.

#### **After each service...**

- The officiant will dismiss the congregation by pews, starting from the back and working forwards
- Please do not congregate in the narthex (entry hall) or welcome lounge, and exit the building following the dismissal via the main doors.
- The clergy will not be available to visit in person. If you need to talk with clergy please feel free to call the church office.

#### **General Items**

- High contact areas shall be disinfected after each service and the building shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- No coffee hour or fellowship.
- No nursery care Sunday School or education offerings in the building; education will remain as an online option
- All volunteers/leaders shall wash hands upon arrival and all attendees shall be given hand sanitizer.
- Seating
  - Seating in the nave is capped at 50, which is less than 25% of fire code capacity.
  - Pews are taped off so that seating is at least 6 feet apart, and alternating staggered sections of the nave between services.
  - Parishioners shall enter the building one household at a time, keeping at least six feet apart if a line forms outside the front entrance.
  - Parishioners shall be seated household by household by ushers from front to back, according to seating arrangement mentioned above. Seating is done solely in order of arrival, there are no preferences for “your” pew.
  - Parishioners shall be dismissed by the officiant/celebrant row by row starting in the back of the nave working forwards.
- Doors
  - Access in and out of the building shall only be through the main doors, all other doors shall remain locked to minimize movement around the building.
  - Doors from the narthex to the nave shall remain open at all times to minimize contact and increase air flow.
  - Weather permitting the main door shall remain open for the duration of the service to increase air circulation.

- Restrooms
  - Open, but limited use as much as possible – only one person at a time, signage posted to indicate this.
  - Encourage parishioners to go to the bathroom before arriving to minimize restroom usage.
  - Use of the water fountain is not prohibited but should only be used if absolutely necessary.
- Music
  - No congregation or choir singing until further notice.
  - Instrumental music only (organ, piano, etc.).
  - Vocal soloists may be scheduled per preference and with 30 feet distancing in the loft.