

# **WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW**

## **ABOUT IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**What does our Bishop, Bishop George Sumner, say about our path forward during these challenging times?** Decisions have had to be put in place on behalf of our common life together. First and foremost, we are to worship our Lord, but in a way that is safe and in collaboration with civil leaders along with front-line workers for whom we pray. We move forward together in one single way. We have one policy for the diocese (the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas). Although we long for togetherness, to minister safely, we simply must be patient and unified.

**All parishioners who attend worship are to:**

- **Practice social distancing** between family groups before, during and after services.
- **Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.**
- **Respect all worship parameters** for your safety and the safety of others. Ushers are there to assist you. Please be kind to them.

**Will there be a worship bulletin?** We will continue to provide a worship bulletin that contains everything you need to worship. We ask parishioners to refrain from using any books in the pews.

**Will there be communion?** Yes! As you enter, please be mindful of social distancing as you pick up a bulletin and a host in an envelope that is carefully prepared in advance. At this time, we will distribute only consecrated bread.

**Will we pass the Peace?** We ask that you pass the peace only with your immediate family. We encourage you to graciously acknowledge others with a nod and wave from your seat.

**Will we pass the offering plate?** The offering plate will not be passed. There will be an offering plate at the entrance for you to leave your much needed and appreciated donation.

**Will there be adult Sunday school or a time for fellowship?** Not now. While, for the sake of everyone's safety, we won't have a time for fellowship or Sunday School, it will be great to be together in worship!

**Will I be able to submit a prayer request?** You may submit your written prayer request or you may reach the Daughters of the King by contacting Debbie Weldon or any member of that ministry.

**Will restrooms be available?** Restrooms will be accessible; use them only if you must. For appropriate social distancing, restrooms will accommodate only one person at a time. There will be signage on the restroom door to assist you.

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## **ABOUT IN-DOOR WORSHIP**

**Where do I enter the service?** At 8 am, we enter the ministry building through the main double doors next to the office. At 10 am, we ask all parishioners to enter the narthex through the double doors facing Westmoreland Road. This ensures social distancing from the start. Please be mindful of social distancing in the parking lot, too.

**Will there be hand sanitizer available?** We encourage everyone to use hand sanitizer when they enter. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance for your use anytime.

**How will I be seated?** To ensure social distancing, Ushers seat parties one at a time. So, please wait to be seated. Seating starts at the front nearest the altar, with parties seated 3 chairs apart.

**Will I be able to fellowship with others?** From your seat, yes! We certainly long for fellowship, but at the same time, for safety sake, we must ensure we stay 6 ft. apart and as few persons as possible pass by one another.

**Will there be singing?** There will be instrumental music and occasionally, a soloist. We ask you to refrain from singing for the safety of those around you.

**How do I exit the service?** Ushers are there to guide you. We ask everyone to leave the worship space immediately. At 10 am, exit right after the music ends, following the arrows on the floor.

To ensure social distancing and exit more quickly, we ask you to exit from the back pews first. If you are in the narthex seated on the left side (when facing the altar), you exit through the sanctuary doors; if you are seated on the right, you exit through the side door just inside the hallway.

**Will there be Children's Chapel?** Yes, at the 10am service! Children ages 3 – 12 pray and enjoy a Bible story together. Chapel Leaders follow an action plan to safely minister to our children that includes social distancing and a check-in survey and temperature reading. The Children's Chapel may meet outside weather permitting.

**Will there be a Nursery?** Yes, at 10am worship! The Nursery is at the end of the hallway. Ushers will guide you there.

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## **ABOUT OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**Where do I sit?** We ask all parishioners to bring a lawn chair from home and place their chair on or near the orange cones so that individuals and family groups practice social distancing. Chairs are available if you do not have one. Ushers are ready to assist you.

**How do I exit the service?** We ask all parishioners to leave the worship space immediately following the service. Please be mindful of social distancing as you exit and in the parking lot.

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