

Updated Guidelines to Indoor In-Person Worship Gatherings as of April 13, 2021:

The Church Council approved the next phase of returning to in-person gatherings with some modifications:

**Our first in-person worship services will be on Saturdays only at 5:15 p.m.
We will add in-person gatherings on Sunday morning beginning on May 2nd
(about 50% indoors and 50% outdoors) with these modifications:**

- Those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and who have not yet been vaccinated should continue to shelter in place during Phase 2.
- We will continue to broadcast worship on Facebook and over the radio.
- Please do not attend worship if you are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID-19, or are at high risk of exposing others.
- Use hand sanitizer as you enter.
- Masks will be required even if vaccinated. Except: if on Oxygen OR if age 2 and under.
- 6 feet of distancing between households is required. Ushers will seat households.
- Capacity is limited to 75-100 people (Then ushers will seat in the Fellowship Hall).
- We will open windows and doors in order allow for increased ventilation, so please dress appropriately.
- Because the coronavirus is most easily spread through the dispersal of human breath, we will not be singing during indoor in-person worship. However, worship may feature a soloist or small ensemble that is masked.
- For the children's message, children will remain seated with their family.
- We plan to offer Holy Communion during each in-person service. The elements will be in small pre-prepared cups available at the entrance to the church that you are invited to take to your seat with you.
- Offering plates and Hungry Jar "baskets" will be available at the exits.
- There will be no shaking hands or refreshments. Ushers will dismiss you. Please exit the building to continue socializing outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- Please use the restroom before coming. To the extent possible, only the upstairs restroom will be available during worship. An usher will perform a simple cleaning after each use.
- Worship leaders at St. Peter should wear a mask and then are invited to pull it down when speaking (if they are over six feet away)
- The leadership is prepared to shut down the worship service and send the group home (and move to broadcast only, if applicable) if people refuse to wear a mask when required by the congregation.
- We will take steps to minimize transmission of COVID 19, however, remember there is a risk of contracting COVID-19 by attending in-person gatherings.

Please follow these guidelines when considering attending any in-person gathering at St Peter: The CDC recommends self-quarantining for 10 days after travelling (unless full vaccinated); if you are tested 3-5 days after traveling and you receive a negative Covid-19 test result, the CDC says you can reduce your self-quarantine to 7 days.

The CDC recommends quarantining for 14 days after your last exposure to someone who tests positive to Covid-19 (unless fully vaccinated). If you test negative after being a close contact, you can reduce your quarantine to 7 days. If you test positive to Covid-19 you need to quarantine for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms and be fever free without medication for at least 24 hours before you can return to normal activities. If you have viral symptoms, you should quarantine until you can be tested for Covid-19 and know the results. Please consider worshipping with us online or on the radio if you are unsure if it is safe for you to be with us in person.

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