

Re-entering Well Task Force Update and General Guidelines

Grace formed a *Re-entering Well Task Force* to create the procedures necessary for resuming in-person gatherings in our facility. Through our discussions, we have affirmed that the process of re-entry requires us to be patient, thoughtful, medically informed and spiritually grounded. Caring for life, ensuring safety, and loving others through our actions are the groundings for all decisions about re-entering the Grace facility.

Baltimore City is currently in phase two of re-opening, which enables Grace to host both outdoor and indoor worship services, with guidelines about the size and practices of our gatherings. In July, Grace will offer a mid-week, outdoor prayer service, beginning Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. At this point we plan to resume in-person worship in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings on Sunday, August 9. More information will be provided in the weeks ahead, as there are some things you can expect whenever it is that we do come together in person.

Before you come:

Sign up to attend a worship service. Since our services, by state and city guidelines, are limited in capacity, we ask that you indicate your plans to attend a service. You may signups electronic through e-Notes or by phoning 410-433-6650, x 102 and leaving your name and phone number by Friday prior to Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Take your temperature. Do a quick temperature check before you attend, so that you know you are healthy and safe to be in a public space with others. And, as always, if you have a fever or feel sick, then please do not attend worship.

Use your bathroom at home in order to decrease the use of the church's facilities; only one person or parent + child will be allowed in our bathrooms at a time to maintain proper distancing.

When you come:

Wear your face mask; this is required for all persons entering the building, sanctuary and outdoor worship. Masks are available for anyone who needs one.

Confirm your attendance when you arrive and provide contact information (phone/email). You will be asked to "sign-in" to worship in the Narthex.

Observe social distancing in the parking lot, hallways, sanctuary and for outdoor worship. This means maintaining at least 6 feet of separation between yourself and others not in your family.

Sit with members of your household only. Others from separate households will not be permitted in your pew or nearby pews

Follow all posted instructions, which are designed to keep us safe. Please come with your patience, flexibility and a ready, willing spirit amid what will be deep changes in how we gather. Please be considerate of others and follow any directions given to you by an usher or other leader. **Maps and signage** will be posted indicating how to enter and exit the building, sanctuary and where to sit in the sanctuary. We will establish a flow for entering and exiting that has all persons going in the same direction.

Expect parking to also incorporate physical distance, and please observe markings in our lots.

Worship will look and feel a little different. Here are a few things to expect:

There will be no congregational singing because singing is one of the ways droplets spread widely and easily. Hymnals, pew bibles and bulletins will not be available for our services.

Holy Communion will also be celebrated in different, more distancing ways.

The Nursery and children's Sunday School will not be available for the foreseeable future. Children are welcome in worship and we'll make special efforts for worship to be child-friendly.

We will not pass the peace or pass the offering plates. There will be a receptacle for offering envelopes. You are encouraged to continue giving electronically, if you are able.

Online worship will continue even after in-person worship resumes. We have been blessed by this emerging ministry and know that many persons who cannot attend in person welcome the opportunity to join in virtual worship.