

Indoor Evening Service Safety Protocols

- Do not attend in person if you have any COVID symptoms. See [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for symptoms. These include:
 - Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)
 - New cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Muscle aches or body aches
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - New loss of taste or smell
- Only attend in person if
 - You have **not** been determined to be actively infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19
 - You do **not** have symptoms of COVID-19 (see [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov): fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle aches or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell)
 - You have **not** been in close contact with anyone known or suspected to have tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 14 days
 - You have **not** returned from travel through an area with state or local travel restrictions that mandate quarantine upon arrival home in the previous 14 days.
- Everyone over the age of 2 must wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth. Face shields do not count unless worn in addition to masks. Your mask protects others; their masks protect you.
- When indoors and wearing masks, maintain 6' distance from other participants not in your household except for brief encounters; e.g., passing someone in the hallway or aisle.

- Sharing of materials (bulletins, hymnals, etc.) is strongly discouraged. A pdf of the bulletin will be distributed electronically prior to service. Participants are encouraged to either print it off at home or bring it on an electronic device to view during the service.
- Communion elements will not be distributed; bring your own elements.
- Clean hands are encouraged. Feel free to bring hand sanitizer, though sanitizer will be available upon entry to the sanctuary.
- Seating in the sanctuary will be by households, sitting at the right end or left end of alternating pews. Starting nearest the chancel, households will sit at the right end of odd numbered pews and the left end of even numbered pews.
- When entering the sanctuary, move to an unoccupied pew closest to the chancel (i.e., fill up the sanctuary from the front to the rear). Departure will begin at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Attendance of worship services in the sanctuary will be by reservation only. The first 34 households to make a reservation will have priority on seating. Should there be a sufficient number of single-member households, additional seating may be accommodated for single individuals, based on available seating that would allow 6' distancing. Single individuals may team up with one other person at their own risk to become a household unit.
- When wearing masks and maintaining a minimum of 6' distance, singing softly or humming along in the liturgy is permitted.
- If the sanctuary will be used for another service within the following 7 days, then volunteers will be needed to sanitize pews, doorways, and other commonly touched surfaces prior to that subsequent use.
- No more than 2 people are allowed in restrooms at any one time, and they should do whatever possible to maintain 6' distance from each other. In the men's room, that means using the toilets and not the urinals. Everyone should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds prior to departure.
- Water fountains will be turned off or otherwise blocked from use.
- Offering plates will be placed at all entrances/exits. Offering plates can then be secured until later in the week when tellers process the offerings.
- Duration of worship service will not exceed 45 minutes.