



Covid-19 Safety Strategies for Sunday Worship, 10am

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Welcome! To contribute to the well-being of all, please carefully observe the following Covid-19 prevention strategies while on site today.

- 1) **Masks** – Wear a mask throughout your time on site. Masks should be worn snugly around the nose and face. The CDC recommends an N-95 type mask or double masking as more effective at stopping particle transmission. If you touch or remove your mask, please wash or sanitize your hands.
- 2) **Physical distancing** – Practice physical distancing (minimum 6 feet) with anyone not in your family or safety group (“pod”).
- 3) **Helping hands** – Please refrain from touching things you don’t need to touch. For instance, we will have people to open doors for you at entryways and sign you in.
- 4) **Arriving** — We ask that *if* you feel safe on the exterior steps, please use the Circle Drive red door to enter. ***If you do not***, please come to the double doors for the interior stairs and elevator. There will be two Welcome Stations at two entrances to the Nave: inside the red door and at the interior double doors to the Nave (pew seating).
- 5) **Check-in** –
 - The usher at the Welcome Station will ask whether you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have been exposed. *If so, please do not seek to remain.*
 - If you remain, please take the materials you’ll need for worship and proceed to seating as directed by the usher.
 - There will be a collection plate for donations outside this entrance. It will not be passed during the service.

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- 6) **Seating** – In the Nave, we are using only every other pew. We also need to leave about three feet of space from the aisles as

well as six feet between people not in the same family. Within these guidelines, please sit as close to the main altar as you feel comfortable doing, so that we can experience being together. Some seating may be marked as “Reserved” for ushers and/or reader(s).

- 7) **Passing the Peace** – We will share signs of Christ’s peace without touching, except within families or existing safety groups.
- 8) **Holy Communion** –
 - To receive, please come up the center aisle without crossing in front of anyone in your pew.
 - A priest will serve the host (*in “one kind”—bread only*), to you by placing it in your hands with tongs. If you wish to receive, please extend your arms, cupping both hands palm-up. A blessing may also be received without contact, signaled by crossing your arms in front of your chest.
 - Please return to your seat down one of the side aisles.
- 9) **Exiting** – After the dismissal, the clergy will leave and, weather permitting, be outside to greet worshippers. All exits will be available for use. Again, we ask that those who do not need the internal stairs or elevator use one of the direct exits to the exterior.
- 10) **Fellowship** – Please do not congregate and chat inside the building. Weather permitting, clergy will be outside and will look forward to seeing you there. Although this request goes contrary to our desires and may seem unnecessary, we are also preparing ourselves to worship safely as more people return, and we want to be extra cautious as we begin.
- 11) **Bathrooms** — Both the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms are available. If you know someone is in the upstairs bathroom, please wait at the kitchenette area to allow space in the hallway.

Let’s be safe together! Blessings,

*The Rector and Vestry of
Trinity Church, Swarthmore*