



Covid-19 Safety Strategies for

Sunday Worship, 8am

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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** — Only the main double doors, to internal stairs/elevator, will be open. This will also be the Welcome Station for 8am, where you will “sign in”.
- 5) **Check-in** –
 - The usher inside 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 not, please take the materials you’ll need and proceed upstairs.
 - An usher will greet you at the side entrance to the chancel/high altar area and help you find an appropriate seat, given spacing needs.
 - There will be a collection plate for donations outside this entrance. It will not be passed during the service.
- 6) **Seating** – We will fill seating from the high altar area and organ-side choir stalls first, then the opposite-side choir stalls. Some seating is reserved for ushers and reader(s), so please do sit where asked.
- 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 remain at your seat. A priest will bring the host (*in “one kind”—bread only*), to you and place it in your hands with tongs. If you wish to receive, please extend your arms, cupping both hands palm-up.
- 9) **Exiting** – After the dismissal, the priests will leave the building, going outside to greet you. Please exit through either the side entrance you entered by or the double doors, past the main altar, allowing those closest to exits to leave first so as to minimize pinch points in the space.
- 10) **Fellowship** – Please do not congregate and chat inside the building. Clergy will be outside, weather permitting, and will look forward to seeing you then and there. Although this request goes contrary to our desires and may seem unnecessary, we are also preparing ourselves to worship safely down the road, when more people return, and we want to be extra cautious as we begin.
- 11) **Bathrooms** — Both the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms are available for use. 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*

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