

Dear members of St. Paul's,

As we move forward with reopening, there are a few changes that we would like to highlight as well as provide you with a list of protocols that are now in place to keep in line with the guidelines set out by our Provincial Government.

1. If you are feeling unwell, we kindly request that you not attend service.
2. Registration for services will be required of everyone who plans to attend as we are only able to accommodate 75 people according to our provincial guidelines. Registration will be on a first come first served basis. Each week an email with a registration link will be sent to everyone who has provided the church office with an email address. The deadline to register will be posted each week when the registration email is sent out. If you need to cancel your registration please email or call the church office to let us know.
3. Although service will not begin until 10:00 am, please plan to arrive early at 9:30 am so that the ushers have time to seat everyone and the line up doesn't get too long.
4. Wearing a mask is mandatory, please bring your own if you have one. We will have some disposable masks available at the church if you do not have one.
5. For now, congregational singing is on hold until restrictions are lifted.
6. Social distanced wait lines will be taped on the sidewalk outside and in the church. Please use these to stand on to ensure proper social distancing when lining up to enter the church as well as once inside.
7. Please minimize touching surfaces including door handles, walls, windows etc.
8. There will be a greeter at the door to welcome you, offer a mask if one is needed, spray your hands with sanitizer and guide you to an usher.
9. The ushers will lead you into the sanctuary and seat you in a pew that will be marked to ensure proper distancing and provide you with a printed bulletin. We kindly request that you line up with anyone you wish to be seated with, as we will be unable to accommodate changes once you are seated. We ask that once you are seated that you remain in your marked pew until the end of service. The ushers have been instructed to seat people from the front of the sanctuary to the back on both sides.
10. The procedure for Holy Communion, which will be served Pilgrim Style, will be printed in your bulletin. Although there are many measures in place to offer Holy Communion safely and appropriately distanced, if you don't feel comfortable please feel free to attend service without receiving Holy Communion. There is an added question on the registration page to let us know if you are planning on receiving Holy Communion. Please contact Pastor Keith if you would like more information about the procedures we will have in place for Holy Communion.
11. Ushers will lead people out after service from back to front, through the narthex and out the front doors.

12. In order to maintain proper social distancing, we ask that there be no visiting inside of the church, and be mindful of distancing once you are outside.
13. Washrooms will be in full use. Please observe proper hand washing hygiene with the soap and paper towels provided.
14. We encourage you to continue to use the e transfer and PAR options to send in donations electronically to help cut down on contact made by the counters each week. However, an offering plate will also be available in the narthex. Please use your church envelopes for your offering as no envelopes will be available at the church for loose offerings. If you do not have church envelopes, please clearly write your name, address and phone number on the outside of a regular envelope so that a receipt may be issued.
15. Protocols and reminders while in worship will be printed in your service bulletin and Pastor Keith will also announce highlights as we come across those.
16. At end of service we ask that you discard your bulletin in the garbage cans provided as you leave the sanctuary.
17. Please keep all belongings including coats with you in your pew where you are seated.
18. There will be no access to the mailboxes at this time, however an usher will be present to pass you any mail that was left in your mailbox before COVID, if you would like to pick it up as you are being ushered out after service. All new materials will continue to be sent to you electronically or in the mail.
19. No food or beverages will be allowed into the building.

We have many volunteers each Sunday to guide you through these procedure as well as offer help and reminders when needed.

If at any time you are unsure of anything please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers for guidance or assistance.

Please remember to be respectful of all areas that will be blocked off from use and please be mindful of the signs posted to keep everyone safely distanced.

Even though there are many things to be mindful of, we are thankful to be gathering together once again. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the church office by email or phone and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to offer our assistance.