

## WORSHIP IN THE TIME OF COVID 19 - ATTENTION

Dear Friends of St. Andrew's,

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, we ask that you **NOT** attend Church today:

1. Have a temperature of 100.4 or higher
2. Lost your sense of taste or smell
3. You or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19
4. Have come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19
5. If you have traveled outside of the country or to any of the states on the NYS travel ban in the last two weeks

As a reminder, even as we resume in-person worship, we continue to record our services and make them available online, on both our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKG6qF0mgOXHfv2j7nEST2A> and on our Facebook page at St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany, New York.

### UPON ARRIVAL AT CHURCH:

1. **Masks are to be worn throughout the service!** We have extras if you forgot yours.
2. Please pre-register for each service so that we will know you are coming and will have your contact information. You will receive an email registration form each week to use for registering your upcoming attendance. If you do not have email, you should register via the Church Office at 518-489-4747. Kindly plan on arriving 5-10 minutes prior to worship for check-in. We hope to be able to accommodate a few walk-ins. The ushers will know if we have reached the maximum capacity. If that happens, you will be given priority for next week's service.
3. The only doors open on Sunday morning will be the Madison Avenue front doors and the parking lot doors. The parking lot door will be the disability-accessible entrance.
4. The sidewalks and parking lot will be marked with 6-foot distance markers.
5. You will check in with a greeter who will confirm your reservation, and an Usher will indicate where you may be seated. Bulletins will be on the seats that are available. A basket will be at each door to receive your offerings. Please sit only in the designated areas. Kindly take your bulletin with you when you leave or put it in the receptacle at the door for recycling.

6. Please use the hand sanitizer provided upon entry.
7. Ribbons across a pew are for spacing, so please do not sit there. Those who live together in one household, please sit together.
8. The floor will be marked for spacing, walking in and out, as well as for coming up for Communion.
9. **At the Peace**, please acknowledge those around you with a bow or wave. There will be no hugging or shaking of hands.
10. **At Communion**, one side at a time will come up the center aisle and receive the bread. The bread will be placed into your hand by the priest as you continue standing. Please indicate to an usher if you would like communion brought to your seat. There will be no kneeling at the communion rails. After receiving the bread, walk toward your side of the Church, place the bread in your mouth, and acknowledge the Sacramental Presence in the wine goblet on the Altar since we will receive only in one kind.
11. Return to your seat by walking around the outside aisle.
12. Following the blessing and dismissal, please leave at the direction of the Ushers. The back rows will be dismissed first.
13. For the foreseeable future there will be **NO coffee hour or social gatherings** in the building or parking lot. Please exit the building promptly to allow for sanitation.

While these “rules” seem stiff and awkward, we pray they will come to feel grace filled. The love of Christ requires and enables us to care for each other, to protect ourselves and one another. Let us appreciate the grace and gift of being together even with limitations, as the Body of Christ at St. Andrew's. Love will show the way and continue to guide our steps.

