



Worship and Covid Update - July 2021

During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic CTS staff and Council worked diligently to prepare for the return to full, in-person worship. That time has passed; hymnals and Bibles are back in the pews, the choir is singing, and communion is received around the altar rail. In the near-term, Pastor and communion assistants will continue to employ measures of caution in the distribution by wearing masks and gloves.

Council wishes to ensure the health and safety of our congregation, and to comply with all federal, state, and local guidelines and regulations. For the time being, that means taking the least restrictive route when such orders conflict with one another.

Masks are no longer required for in person worship, but are encouraged, especially if you have not been vaccinated and/or are at extra risk based on your medical condition. For our vulnerable members and those who prefer to not attend in person, we will continue live stream services and make podcasts available for viewing on the internet (<https://www.christtheservant.net/>). If you worship remotely, please remember that your offerings, via the website or mail, greatly help carry on the missions of Christ the Servant.

For those members who choose to attend in person, we urge you to practice good hygiene, wash your hands, and follow the medical guidance of the CDC or your personal physician. **If you are experiencing symptoms (cough, fever, chills, etc.) we strongly encourage you seek medical attention and stay at home until you have fully recovered.**

Unique Worship Measures:

- The offering plate is on a table in the center aisle to use when you enter or exit.
- Extra steps in force to clean and sanitize the facilities, including disinfecting the sanctuary, sacristy, and liturgical objects between services.
- The fellowship hall, kitchen, narthex, and conference room are now re-opened.
- Homeless Ministry, Adult Sunday School, and other activities will re-open as per specific committee leadership.
- Around the communion rail, some spacing is good (no shoulder-to-shoulder contact).

Staff and Council will incorporate lessons learned and **adjust as the situation dictates**. Of course, council welcomes suggestions at any time from all our members!