

Revised Pandemic Protocols Approved by General Board on March 27, 2022

1. Masks will be made optional beginning Sunday, December 19, 2021. It is to be made clear that anyone who wishes to wear a mask may do so. Additionally, it is felt that by this date parents will have had the opportunity for their children 5 years of age and older to be fully vaccinated. We encourage all who remain unvaccinated to wear a mask to limit the spread of possible infection, but at this point we leave that up to the discretion of each individual. We encourage those who are feeling unwell to remain home. While we believe that the high level of vaccination in the congregation will help protect those who are unvaccinated, we understand that unvaccinated individuals may not feel comfortable attending in person (particularly children under 5 years of age and their parents). We will continue finding ways to connect with and care for all congregants.

2. Seating, in the pews, will no longer be restricted as of December 19, 2021.

3. Commencing on December 19, 2021, the front and rear doors of the church will be open and available for individuals to use as necessary.

4. Prepackaged communion cups will continue to be used until the current inventory is significantly reduced. At that time, we will return to communion as it was offered before the pandemic. However, prepackaged cups will remain available to those who wish to use them.

4. Prepackaged communion cups will continue to be used until the deacons have been trained in the procedures for offering communion as it was offered before the pandemic, and a plan has been devised for providing communion bread. However, prepackaged cups will remain available to those who wish to use them.

5. For security reasons, the “sign in sheets” utilized during the week will continue. The Administrative Assistant will maintain a file with the daily sign in sheets and if needed, for any reason, they will be available for review.

6. Commencing December 19, 2021, guides will no longer be needed to seat and dismiss individuals from the pews. At some point, in the near future, we will once again have greeters and ushers to assist anyone entering the church.

7. Congregational singing will return on Sunday, December 19, 2021. However, masks are required for everyone singing.

7. Masks will be optional for congregational singing beginning on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

8. Water fountains will be reopened on Sunday, December 19, 2021

9. Outside groups, this includes weddings, will be permitted to use the church facilities beginning December, 19, 2021. Any group who wishes to use the church will contact the church office and make a request by date, time and purpose as was done before the pandemic.

10. The Literacy Council will be permitted to have masks optional for their students and tutors, at all times, commencing on December 19, 2021.

11. Zoom services will continue for worship and meetings as desired.