

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
We are the Body of Christ, gathered in heart and spirit.

As we begin to gather in-person for worship, our priority is for the physical and spiritual safety of all who walk through our red doors, yearning for community and communion with one another and with Christ. To adhere to the Diocesan Guidelines for Re-entering our Church Buildings for worship, your leadership has adopted the following plan which all who worship with us are expected to honor.

1. **Entrance and Exit.** All worshippers will enter through the red doors off Burd Street and will exit through the sacristy, after which all worshippers will go immediately outside to the area off Burd Street, without going through a "reception line" or gathering in groups for conversation. The only exception to entering through the front doors will be those who require our handicapped accessible entry in through the sacristy.
2. **Mask --** All worshippers must wear a mask upon entering the church building. Removal of the mask will be permitted only during the reception of Holy Communion. Masks will be provided for anyone who does not have one.
3. **Sign-in --** All worshippers must sign-in, offering their names and contact information (if other than in a current directory). You may bring your own pen, or one will be provided.
4. **Safety Precautions --** Hand sanitizer will be available at the entry and exit points, in the pews, and by the chancel steps. Kleenex and bags for disposal will be provided in the pews.
5. **Worship capacity** is limited to 25 people, including the altar party. Temperatures will be taken for the altar party and must be normal for that person to be able to serve.
6. **Worship Safety Instructions** will be reviewed at the start of all services.
7. **Seating** – Each worshipper will be asked to sit in a designated spot, which will be 6 feet apart from others. Members living in the same household can sit in the same pew. For outdoor services, the chairs will be placed appropriate distances apart and can be adjusted as necessary when families come to worship together. The Verger will usher the worshipper to an appropriate seating spot.
8. **Bulletins** – We will provide full-text bulletins for all services. The BCPs and Hymnals have been removed from the church to avoid the need to sanitize between services.
9. **Holy Eucharist** – Each worshipper will come up individually to receive the bread only from Mother Barbara, who will stand in the gap of the altar rail. Mother Barbara will wear a mask during the distribution of communion. She will also sanitize her hands between the distribution of bread for each worshipper. The worshipper will stand to receive and may remove their mask only at the time of bringing the wafer to their mouth. Mother Barbara will come to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward to receive.
10. **Prayer of Spiritual Communion** will be offered in each service for those who wish to worship in community but not yet receive communion.
11. **Singing** – There will be no congregational singing during the service. Instrumental music and soloists are allowed.
12. **The Peace** will be shared with no physical contact and maintaining the safe distancing mandate. We can wave, nod, bow, or use sign language to indicate our desire for peace for the other.
13. **Offering Plates** will be positioned by the chancel steps.
14. **Altar Party and Masks** – The lectors may remove their masks while reading the lessons. Mother Barbara may remove her mask while leading worship. The wafers which will be distributed during communion will be covered with a cloth during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The bread broken by Mother Barbara will be consumed only by her, as will the wine.
15. **Worship Ministers** will consist of a Greeter, Verger, Crucifer, Lector, and Celebrant. At this time, there will not be Healing Ministers or the laying on of hands for prayer.
16. **Parish Life Center** will be locked before, during, and after the service. If anyone has a restroom need/emergency, they will search out the Verger during the service so he can unlock the doors.
17. **Cleaning.** Disinfectant cleaning will occur after every worship service, and will include all the pews and areas commonly touched by others.

We thank you for trust and are grateful for your desire to gather in-person for worship safely and in consideration of the other, for we are one Body, gathered in the love of Christ.