

Resuming Onsite Worship

The Return to Campus Team (RTCT), comprised of Pastors, Staff and Laity, developed and implemented procedures at St. Paul's to address the concern of the spread of Covid-19.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should I expect when I enter St. Paul's? When you enter the building, you will be expected to sign in. During your time on campus we ask that you wear two masks as recommended by the CDC and practice social distancing. Masks are available at our entry points.

What should I expect during the worship service onsite at St. Paul's? The worship service will last approximately 45 minutes and will offer a deep spiritual experience filled with music, scripture and a sermon. Attendees will sit with their family and be at least six feet away from other people. The screen will be used during the service as there will not be a worship program and hymnals and bibles have been removed from the pews. The musicians will be onsite and you will be asked to not sing, but may hum along.

Should I come to church if I am not feeling well? No. When you are not feeling well for any reason, please stay home. If you suspect you may have Covid-19, please check with your primary care physician and your local health department for next steps.

If I had both doses of the vaccine, do I have to wear a mask and practice social distancing? Yes, if you had the vaccine you will need to continue wearing a mask and practice social distancing. The data is inconclusive as to whether you can still transmit the virus to others even if you are vaccinated.

May I bring my children to church with me? Yes, we would welcome your children in the Sanctuary. At this time childcare and Sunday school will not be offered onsite. Activity bags will be available and there is a designated space in the Narthex if you need to leave the Sanctuary with your child.

Will the bathrooms be available if I am onsite at St. Paul's? Yes. A designated bathroom will be available for your use.

When will the church resume onsite meetings and gatherings? The RTCT Team will continue to monitor the status of Covid-19 through our local Health Department, the CDC and the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. We will continue to provide updates on group gatherings and our policies as they become available. Check the church web page (www.stpaulsrochester.org) for updates.

Who should I contact with specific concerns or questions? You may contact Rev. Eardley (DEardley@stpaulsrochester.org), Larry Hice (larryhttp@aol.com) or the church office at 248-651-9631.