

Worship Practice at St. Paul Beginning October 4th, 2020

Three Ways to Worship

In Sanctuary

Starting on October 4th, worshipers may come back into the building for the Divine Service. Specific guidance on safety measures are outlined below.

Worship at Home Live-Stream

The live stream on Sunday morning will continue to be available through the church's facebook page as well as the church's website: www.stpaulsb.org. Look for improved reliability and quality from this stay-at-home option.

Car Radio

Parishioners may drive to the church building and tune in on their car radios to FM106.7, and listen to the worship service from the comfort of their own vehicle.

St. Paul Building Safety Rules

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

Philippians 2:3

1. For the sake of others all parishioners are asked to wear a mask the entire time they are in the building. That included coming into the building, sitting, standing, and soft singing.
2. Parishioners are asked to space themselves 6-feet apart from others, excluding family units.
3. Frequent use of sanitization stations is highly encouraged for everyone as they enter and leave the building.
4. Visiting before and after worship is encouraged to take place outside the building as much as possible.

COVID-19 Considerate Worship Procedures

1. Greeters will gladly open doors for people to minimize contact.
2. Ushers will both guide individuals to their seats in order to maximize social distancing, and dismiss them at the end of the service.
3. Hymnals have been temporarily removed from the sanctuary. Worshipers can follow along with worship and song along as projected, or **optionally** make use of a printed worship bulletin.
4. When possible, there will be choral singers leading the congregation in song. Parishioners are encouraged to listen, sing softly, or simply hum along to minimize the spread of the virus.
5. Offering plates will not be passed during worship, but parishioners will have the opportunity to leave their offering in a box as you exit the sanctuary.
6. Communion procedures have changed in order to accommodate as little physical connection as possible.
 - Ushers will guide one family unit at a time to the rail.
 - One family unit at a time will commune on each side.
 - Pastor and his assistant will sanitize hands in between each family unit.

Pastoral Note: Parishioners are under no obligation to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Those who conscientiously abstain are not to be seen as having any less faith than those who participate.