

Update on TLC Pandemic Restrictions (as of 5/18/21)

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Church,

Council met last night (5/17/21) and made some decisions regarding worship and gatherings in light of recent CDC guidelines for wearing face coverings. The changes represent a cautious move to relaxing restrictions. While we're hopeful all restrictions can be removed sometime soon, we're still concerned that many people may not yet be vaccinated or are unable to be vaccinated (e.g. children).

Starting immediately we will:

- maintain current physical distancing in worship by sitting in every other pew.
- increase air flow by opening doors at beginning and end of worship.
- operate the high flow fan throughout the service.
- offer optional mask-wearing for vaccinated individuals.
- ask unvaccinated individuals to continue wearing a mask.
- maintain state recommendations for indoor capacity in Parish Hall (50%= approx. 55)

Regarding the liturgy in worship...

- we will continue to use pre-packaged communion kits.
- the Offering will be received electronically, via mail or by being dropped off at church.
- non-contact forms of the passing of the peace will continue.
- the full liturgy will be re-introduced starting in June including sung parts of the liturgy.

Council will monitor COVID information and make adjustments when appropriate. We continue to abide by PA and CDC guidelines using our discernment to adapt as needed for our particular circumstances.

Christian liberty frees us from sin so we can love our neighbor more fully. All our decisions are grounded in the command to love God and neighbor. May our freedom contribute to a healthy church and community.

Rev. Doug Gebhard, Interim Pastor