

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Regathering Plan for In-Person Worship in the Church

Service Dates/Times

- On **Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 10:30am** we will gather for the first time.
 - This will be a combined service at 10:30am, celebrating the time we have shared in worship during the lockdown.
 - This will be the only worship service that day.
 - This service and all services going forward will require advanced booking through Constant Contact, similar to our practice last year and, most recently, with the Garden Eucharist. These will be posted in e-news for each service, and email confirmations will be sent. Provisions for phone-in bookings will be made as well.
- On **Sunday, September 26, 2021** there will be **three services**:
 - **9:30am** – This will be much like the 9:30 service in terms of music and liturgy, but will adhere to all health and safety protocols of the province and diocese.
 - **11:15am** – This will be much like the 11:15 service in terms of music and liturgy.
 - **7:00pm** – This is the launch service for the Season of Creation.
- On **Sunday, October 31, 2021** there will be four services:
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 7:00pm
 - From this day forward we hope to resume our pre-COVID worship unless restrictions from the province or diocese are imposed (e.g., if we enter another wave of the pandemic).

Seating Capacity

- Presently, each service will be able to accommodate about 50 parishioners + staff and volunteers for a total of approximately 60 for each of the four services.
- These numbers may be slightly higher if many of the bookings are for pairs or families.

Other Worship Details

- Seating will be in chairs.
 - Seating configuration will differ at each service to reflect its unique style of worship.
- Most services will be live-streamed. The 9:30am and 11:15am can also be joined by Zoom.
- Bulletins will be posted in e-news each week, but will not be printed for the service. The large screens will be used, similar to our in-person worship in 2020.
- The choir will return to worship in whatever numbers are allowed, following health and safety guidelines. Congregational singing is still not permitted for now.

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Regathering Walk-Through

Arriving at the Church

- Enter through the front doors unless you have mobility issues, in which case you would enter via the ramp. You will be greeted and shown to your seat, appropriately distanced from other worshippers.
- All must wear masks, unless there is a medical reason.
- Staff will be present throughout to attend, facilitate washroom use, and to handle any **emergencies**.

Worship Service Details

- After being seated everyone remains in their place, except to go to the washroom.
- The service will be on power point on two large screens to facilitate worship and maximize health and safety.
- The Choir will be in the Sanctuary for the 9:30, and at the back of the Narthex for the 11:15, The number of singers still to be determined. There is still no congregational singing at this time.
- Reading will be from the lectern. Readings will be reduced from 3 to 2 to save time for between service cleaning and air circulation.
- The Peace will be shared by spoken word and distant gesture, as everyone will be remaining in their place.
- There will be no collection at the offertory. Drop Boxes will be provided at entry and exit, and we will encourage giving through other means as well
- Presider behind the altar, preaching from lectern for the ministry of the Word

The Eucharist

- We will follow the same protocols as last fall. These include:
- Communion is brought in one kind to each parishioner.
- The presider gives the wafer to each communicant, masks still on.
- When the presider reaches the next communicant, the last communicant then removes their mask, consumes the host, replaces their mask and waits for hand sanitizer.
- The “squirtifer” then gives them a pump and this process is repeated until everyone is communicated.

Departing

- When the service concludes, exit through one of the side doors (whichever is closest, unless you have mobility needs, then exit via the ramp.)
- There will be a brief time to say farewells, but no extended gatherings for fellowship at this time on church premises, unfortunately.

As health and safety needs change we will adapt this plan accordingly, hoping for the best.