

In-Person Worship Guide

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church

May 2021

If you're ready and able to come to church in person, here's what to expect:

1. A warm, physically distanced welcome.
2. A health self-check (if you are unwell, please join us from home).
3. Masks are required while you're at church, indoors and outside.

Here are some details on process:

1. Before you come, make sure that none of the following conditions apply to you:
 - a. In the last 24 hours, have you experienced fever or other symptoms that are not explained by other conditions? (there's a short list of specific symptoms)
 - b. In the past 10 days, have you been diagnosed with covid or had a positive covid test?
 - c. If you are not fully vaccinated, have you been in close contact during the past 10-14 days with anyone in the contagious phase of covid? (fully vaccinated includes the waiting period, and 'close contact' is defined more fully)
2. If you answer 'YES' to any of these questions, stay home and join us online.
3. We will hand you your button or make a paper name tag for you. Your button or name tag indicates you've self-screened. If you're a visitor, we will need your name and contact information for contact tracing if needed. You can choose whether to opt in to other church communications.
4. We will gather outside the front doors of the church. Come a little early so that everyone can check in, greet each other, and be ready to begin the liturgy at 10.
5. If you have your name button at home, please bring it and put it on after you've checked in.
6. The liturgy will start at the front door, with the choir singing and some prayer. Then we'll open the doors wide!
7. Inside, the rows of chairs are widely spaced between and normally spaced within the row. Please sit in a single row with your household or pod, filling in from the presider's chair end of the seating area. YOU define your seating group, within current guidelines and comfort levels. Leave 6 feet (3 chairs) between pods. If we run out of regular seating, we will help you set up folding chairs for your pod in the Rotunda.

8. After sermon sharing, we will move together to the parking lot for prayer and Eucharist. Depending on how many people are present, maintaining physical distance between pods could be challenging, but we will make it work.
9. ALL of us will be singing together outside. We will not dance yet.
10. People will unmask briefly during communion.
11. After the liturgy, we will leave by the back gate. Please leave your button or name tag in the button basket by the gate. We need to know who is attending, and we're using buttons/tags to do that simply.
12. To help us clean up after church, please vacate the parking lot after the liturgy ends. The open space by the front doors is a good place to continue conversations. Please mask and distance as long as you are on site -- that's one way we show our commitment to keeping each other safe and healthy. Other than on Pentecost, Godly Play will be using the back lot on a quick turn-around through June.
13. Coffee hour will be online only, for now.
14. If you need a restroom, use the ones upstairs in the Admin building. Distancing and traffic flow will be a challenge, but doable. The Chapel bathroom will not be available, except in emergencies.
15. Any child inside either church building must be accompanied by an adult.