



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's family,

As you know, since the outset of the COVID pandemic, St. Paul's has not met for in-person service. Our Atlanta Diocese, out of an abundance of caution, has been slow to relax worship restrictions. The Diocese put the health of parishioners first and foremost. The St. Paul's Re-opening Task Force was formed to develop plans for our re-opening.

Many of us have deeply missed being and worshipping with each other. The Diocese now will permit us to have outdoor in-person worship service with a maximum of 50 persons present. The first such service will be held October 11, 2020; a large open-air tent will be erected in the St. Paul's parking lot and chairs will be provided.

While this is joyous news, there are virus-related restrictions on such services which we must all be aware of, and comply with:

1. **Masks/face covering must be worn** by all (except those aged two and under) as you exit your vehicle until you get back in it. Please bring your own mask; if you forget, masks will be available at the service.
2. **Six-foot social distancing must be observed** between persons/units (persons of the same household do not need to socially distance from one another). The chairs will be spaced six feet apart.
3. **Hand sanitizing** should be frequent (stations will be available).
4. **There will be separate entrance and exit points**; signs will be posted to direct you.
5. **Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or having been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19 should not attend** the in-service worship.
6. **Pre-registration is required** and your attendance from the reservation sign-up list will be verified for contact tracing purposes. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early for the check-in process so we may begin the service on time.

We have set up a reservation system that will allow registration in the order received. This week, registration access will be available from Wednesday through Friday at 12:00 p.m. for the following Sunday service. The link to register will be posted on the website and the church Facebook page. In addition, any parishioners who are not comfortable with computers may call Lesley Williams at 470-242-9352 and she will register you (space permitting).

The service will to be modified for safety and health reasons:

- We will not celebrate Holy Eucharist and The Peace may be exchanged via waves, bows, etc. (i.e. no body contact). There will be no singing or chanting.
- Printed bulletins will not be available. You may print your own copy of the bulletin from the Facebook page/website and bring it with you; bring your smartphone or tablet to the service and follow along on the electronic version; or bring your own Book of Common Prayer. Please note that paper bulletins and personal BCPs cannot be shared outside your own family.

We strongly encourage any parishioners who fall into any high-risk categories to not attend the in-person services but to continue to enjoy the recorded services. We plan to continue recording until live streaming of services becomes available.

Be Well,  
St. Paul's Reopening Task Force, Clergy and Staff