

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Because of the increase in successful methods of COVID prevention and treatment and the trending decreases in positive tests and hospitalizations, Fr. Bowhay has decided to provisionally relax some of our worship protocols. As we have done before, if these figures change substantially we will respond accordingly. Specifically, as of Easter on April 4:

1. Entrance
 - a. We will eliminate registration, church access restriction, and temperature checks.
 - b. Seating and social distancing will be at your discretion. Practice what is comfortable to you.
 - c. We will continue to provide masks and hand sanitizer. It is your decision how to use them.
 - d. We will continue to provide printed orders of worship; we will also return the Prayer Books and Hymnals to the pews.
2. Interior Hygiene
 - a. We will continue to disinfect after the 8:00 AM and the 9:15 AM services.
 - b. We will provide sanitizer dispensers at the entrance of each pew.
3. Worship
 - a. We will continue to livestream our 11:00 AM Sunday service on Facebook and YouTube and to broadcast on WKOM 101.7 FM and WKRM 1340 AM.
 - b. As before, we will pass the Collection plate, exchange the Peace, and receive Holy Communion at the rail and in the pews if desired. (Even though our clergy have been vaccinated, for the time being they will continue to be masked at Communion.)
 - c. The Chalice will only be offered for sipping; intinction is not permitted.
4. The Nursery will continue to disinfect after snack-time and at close.
5. Enrichment
 - a. Christian Education for all ages will continue to meet.
 - b. The Choir will resume rehearsals on April 28.

We must stress that the now-year-long season of COVID is not over; we all must continue to exercise reasonable caution. Those who feel sick should stay home and join us online or on the radio. Those waiting for test results or who have tested positive within the previous 14 days should do the same. At the same time, to live with COVID means to be nimble and adaptable; we take advantage of positive patterns and we draw back if those patterns reverse.

Corporate worship is important. We are made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26). When we go through long absences from His worship in His church with His people, we risk forgetting not only Who He is but also who we are. When you feel ready to return, please do. We miss you and we want to see you again. As St. Paul exhorts, we wait with eager hope to once again “sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:19-20).”