

March 22, 2021

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to announce that we will be opening the sanctuary to *limited* in-person worship again! The positivity rates are dropping in El Paso County. Many of you have received (or are getting) your vital vaccines. So, through careful and hopeful discussion and consideration, St. Paul's leadership team has decided that we will welcome you back for worship...on Easter Sunday!

We continue to be thoughtful of the health of all who worship at St. Paul's. As a community of faith, we will remain careful and vigilant to care for one another. While many of you have completed your vaccines, there are still many who have not and will not be vaccinated by Easter. That includes staff members and worship volunteers who either have not had the opportunity or, because of underlying medical reasons, cannot receive it at all. (*If you have not yet received your vaccine, we encourage you to do so when and if you are able.*) Do know that, even if you've completed your vaccine regimen, you can still be a carrier of COVID, even if you are protected from becoming ill yourself. In that light, please be aware of the following guidelines and protocols.

- We will **continue to livestream** the service! That means that, even if you are unable to attend in person, you will still be able to worship.
- For the foreseeable future, we will limit **capacity of in-person worshippers to 35** in the church sanctuary. (This does not include our staff and volunteers that will be hard at work making in-person worship a possibility every Sunday.)
- **Online pre-registration** will be required each week for the upcoming service. You will receive the registration link in an email blast closer to Easter. Online pre-registration will go live each week on Tuesday at Noon.
 - You will be asked to enter the first and last name of the primary contact for the family, plus that person's primary phone number and email address. (This will be the contact person for your family if notification of exposure or contact tracing becomes necessary.)
 - You will enter the number of seats that you need to reserve (including yourself!). There is a five-person cap on a single reservation. If you need more than five seats reserved, please send an email to stpaulscs@comcast.net.
 - You will answer the single online screening question.
 - Finally, you must read (then indicate that you've read), the General Release procedures that describe what to expect when you arrive at church on Sunday mornings. At that point, you simply click "Reserve a Seat!" and... voilà! You and your family are registered (providing registration capacity hasn't been reached already).
- Once capacity has been reached per the online registrations, no more registrations will be allowed by the system. You will be notified if seats are not available. If that happens, **don't be discouraged**. We will continue to livestream the services on Zoom and Facebook Live. (We encourage you to try again throughout the week, in case of cancellations.)
- Once you are registered, you will receive a **confirmation email**. If you do not receive that email, (don't forget to check your spam folder), then you are not registered. Please try again.
- **For those unable to register online** due to limited or no online access, pre-registration for the upcoming Sunday service will be available to you **starting at Noon on Sunday through Noon on Monday** each week. Simply contact Ginny Fredell (719-440-2325) during that period of time to request pre-registration. You may still call to register after Monday, though available space is not guaranteed.
- The following **safety protocols** will be followed at all times while in the church building: Masks will be worn at all times. * There will be no congregational singing. * There will be no gathered fellowship time after the service. * No nursery services will be provided. (Children are welcome, of course, in the sanctuary!) * Building access will be through the south doors only. * Ushers will guide you to your seats, and guide you out afterward. * Family units only may sit together. Otherwise, a 6' spacing will be maintained between everyone in the pews.
- For more important details, please **read** the Procedures for Sunday Morning Worship Services at St. Paul's that are in the **General Release**. (It is required that you read and agree to the release to make your reservation.)

It feels like such a huge blessing to be at the point where we can even consider a limited re-opening. All we ask is that you continue to care for one another. This Easter, I think, Resurrection will feel just a little more tangible.

Grace, peace and good health,

Leslie