
GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Attending in-person worship services still carries some risks. We continue to monitor CDC, State and Local government, and Conference protocols, while doing everything we can to mitigate the risk and ensure the safest environment possible. **However, most of the responsibility will fall on individuals to follow the guidelines below and determine what is most comfortable for you.**

We continue to pray that COVID-19 will be over soon, or we learn to live with it, as we work to diligently determine our new normal worship experience.

The building is being thoroughly cleaned and sanitized each week.

Restrooms are open.

There are currently no in-person Church School classes. However, plans are underway.

We encourage anyone in the at-risk categories to feel free to continue to worship virtually. However, that determination is yours. Our Tele Worship Service remains in place on Sunday at 10:15am thru Sunday, September 25, 2022. Our 10:00am In-Sanctuary Service continues to be broadcast via Facebook Live, YouTube, the St. Mark webpage, and Zoom.

ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUILDING

- Face Masks are still MANDATORY, while in the building, and must cover both the nose and mouth.
- Entrance continues to be through the doors in front of the Welcome Desk. Adequate social distancing should be maintained, best as possible, while in the building. Overflow is available in the Educational Building if you'd feel more comfortable.
- Ushers or others, will be positioned for ease of check-in. As you enter, returning worshippers please provide the person(s) handling check-in with your name. Only first-time worshippers will be asked for contact information.
- Once the Usher checks your temperature, sanitize your hands prior to entering the Narthex or Overflow.
- Once Sanctuary capacity limits have been achieved, the Ushers will direct you to overflow in the Educational Building.
- Do not gather in the Lobby or Sanctuary before or after service. If you want to talk with family and friends, please do so outside while maintaining adequate social distancing.
- Exit via the doors designated by the Ushers.

WORSHIP SERVICE

- You may not be able to sit in your usual seat. Please follow the guidance of the Ushers.
- Disposable element sets will continue to be used for Communion.
- Offering plates will not be passed. Offerings may be given via:
 - Placed in the designated receptacle during the walk around offering, or at the door as you enter or exit the Sanctuary, or
 - Go to <https://pushpay.com/pay/Stmarkhanover> to access the online giving page, or
 - Text stmarkumc to “(833) 827-7947” and follow the prompts to give through your smartphone, or
 - Download the St. Mark My Church App to your smartphone, then click Give.
 - Mail a check to: St. Mark UMC, c/o Finance, P.O. Box 378, Hanover, MD 21076
- Following these guidelines will further ensure a safe worship experience.