



## Returning to In-Person Worship at Holy Trinity Frequently Asked Questions

What precautions is Holy Trinity taking to ensure the safety of its parishioners and our neighbors at in-person services?

- A: The health and well-being of our parishioners are our top priorities. We are also very concerned about taking care of our neighbors. The following precautionary measures will be in place as we reopen for in-person worship.
- Service attendance is limited to 100 people in order to accommodate safely distanced seating.
  - Two Sunday services – 8:45am and 11am – are offered with advance online signups required to keep the environment safe.
  - The services will be about one hour.
  - Masks are required for adults and children five years old and older.
  - Children will remain with their parents during the 8:45am service. As of Oct. 18, 2020 the nursery wing is open for walkers up to age 5 during the entirety of the 11am service. Please refer to the Trinity Kids Reopening Policy for the Nursery Wing, which is posted in the [Trinity Kids](#) section of the website. Signups are necessary in advance if you would like your child to participate in the nursery wing activities during the 11am service. For children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, there is a special children’s program during 11am church service. Your children will be directed out of the sanctuary at the appropriate time during the service. You will be able to pick up your children who participate in this program in the courtyard outside of church when church is dismissed. See the [Trinity Kids K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Worship Service Overview](#) document for the specifics.
  - Clearly marked signage will guide you to enter and exit the church. Please reference the [Entrance and Exit Map](#) for the specifics.
  - The sanctuary accommodates safely distanced seating with rows blocked off and a minimum of three vacant chairs required between households.
  - Clearly marked signage will guide you to enter and exit seating rows.
  - Bulletins are available on a table for pick up upon entering.
  - Church offerings may be placed in baskets upon exiting. Visit the Give page of our website for all of our giving options, including online giving.
  - Restrooms are limited to two people at a time, and floor markers are placed at six-foot intervals should there be lines outside. Children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade must be accompanied to the restroom by a parent.
  - Everyone is asked to exit promptly and not to congregate in the sanctuary or lobby. There is ample space to converse outside, while keeping a safe distance from each other.
  - Ample hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the church building.
  - High-touch surfaces are disinfected between services.
  - The church will be cleaned twice weekly between Sundays.



Will temperatures be taken before entering the church?

- A. No, we are not monitoring the temperatures of those who attend services. If you are not feeling well, we ask that you stay home and worship with us online from the comfort of your home. Children who participate in the nursery wing programming during the 11am service will have their temperatures taken. Please refer to the Trinity Kids Reopening Policy for Nursery Wing for more details about our nursery wing policies.

How often is the building cleaned?

- A. The church is cleaned twice during the week and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned in between Sunday services.

Why are advance signups for in-person worship required?

- A. To allow for safely distanced seating, our attendance capacity is limited to 100 per service. You may choose from two service times. If the service of your choice is full, please add your name to the waiting list. If you have signed up and your plans change, be sure to cancel your spot so that the next person in line may have it. Advance signups are also required for the nursery wing.

How do I sign up for a given service? Can I change it?

- A. Go to the [Life of Worship webpage](#) where you will click on the link for the service of your choice, and then sign up on the Eventbrite page. Be sure to include the total number of people attending with you, including your family members and/or guest(s). If your plans change, please go back to your signup confirmation email to cancel your spot. This will allow others to sign up in your place. A waiting list will be maintained.

You are not required to print out your “ticket” from the Eventbrite signup page. We are all on the honor system!

May I bring guests?

- A. We welcome your guest(s) to Holy Trinity. Be sure to include them in your count when you sign up. Please make sure they are comfortable with our safety protocols, such as wearing a mask.

Can people drop in to a Sunday service?

- A. No. We are asking everyone to sign up in advance for the service they want to attend so that we keep the environment safe and maintain our capacity of 100 people per service.

Is the balcony open for general seating?

- A. No, the balcony is closed for general seating, as is the second floor. However, the balcony may be open for seating for special events.



Will Holy Trinity have outdoor worship events?

A. No, we are concentrating on worship services inside our sanctuary.

When will Holy Trinity offer Holy Communion?

A. On Wednesdays at noon, we offer a modified 30-minute Holy Communion service for up to 25 people in the sanctuary. We will add other weekday services as demand necessitates. We ask you to sign up in advance via links on the [Life of Worship webpage](#) if you would like to attend this service. Once a month after the 8:45am and 11am services, we will offer a short communion service with several COVID protocols and precautions in place.