

## Survey on Resuming In-Person Worship

The question many parishioners of St. James have been asking is “When will we be worshipping together again?” Our rector and the Worship committee need input from everyone in the parish to figure that out. Some may have read the article in the Religion section of the Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> News-Times “Physically distant but spiritually close” and have some idea what the requirements of the state and our bishops have put in place for our safety when doing in-person worship. I would like to share a short summary of those requirements with you.

- Reservations will be needed to attend and socially distanced seating will be assigned by ushers.
- Only the doors at the front of the church will be in use and only the sanctuary will be open.
- The handicap bathroom will be open but someone will need to clean it every time it is used.
- Contact information for those attending will be recorded for contact tracing needs.
- A supply of masks and hand sanitizer will be available.
- **Masks must be worn at all times.**
- Bulletins will be placed in the assigned pews and will need to be taken with you when you leave.
- Cushions, prayer books, hymnals, pamphlets or anything that cannot be easily cleaned in the church will have been removed.
- We will not be able to have singing and choir music as part of the service.
- Morning Prayer II will be used. We will not be able to have a Eucharist (Communion) service.
- There will be no hugs, handshakes, or any close contact.
- There will be no coffee hour. We may not gather to socialize before or after the service.
- Pews, bathrooms, doorknobs will have to be cleaned before the service.
- If you are in a group considered vulnerable, it is suggested you remain at home for your safety.

Even if we resume worship in the building, an online worship option will continue. The response to these offerings has been wonderful. People from as far away as California have been joining in these services.

SURVEY

**Would you attend this in-person worship service?**                      **Yes**                      **No**

**If “Yes,” are you willing to help with this service (sanitizing before, ushering, organizing, creating the online videos)?**

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**If “No”, what changes would be needed to make you want to attend in person?**

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Please forward you response to [janadraper@outlook.com](mailto:janadraper@outlook.com), reply to this email or call me (203) 775-2825. If you received this survey by mail, please use the enclosed postcard or call me.

Thank you for helping determine the next steps for our worship at Saint James,

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