

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's Community of Faith,

We have sorely missed sharing worship and friendship during these past few months as we adapt to COVID-19. While many are eager to return to "normal", we still need to be vigilant. The safety of staff, volunteers, church members, and all those we serve is central to our planning for the reopening of the church for in-person activities.

St. Paul's Reopening Committee has developed guidelines and protocols based on requirements of local health authorities and the United Church of Canada. A comprehensive plan was submitted and has received approval from EOORC (Region 12) of the United Church. The full document is available at the office. The committee has been hard at work putting these measures in place for your safety.

**Sunday morning worship services will resume on September 6, 2020 in the sanctuary.**

### **Capacity and Support**

- The sanctuary occupancy is limited to a maximum of 50 individuals.
- If you plan to resume in person worship, you must submit your name to the church office so we can ensure everyone that wishes to attend has an opportunity to do so. If we reach our maximum occupancy and you have not RSVP'd we may have to ask you to return on the following Sunday.
- Entrance and exit to the church will be via the D'Arcy Street door only, which will open at 9:30AM.
- Respect and follow the direction of ushers.
- The large wooden doors on Gore Street will be locked and will serve as an Emergency Exit only.
- One washroom at the sanctuary level will be available, this will be the accessible washroom.
- The Fellowship Hall and all other facilities within the church will be out of bounds.
- The balcony is closed and only accessible to authorized AV Technicians.
- All hymn books, envelopes and shared items have been removed from the pews.
- Children must remain with parents at all times.
- Hearing Assist units will be available as needed; units will be managed by the ushers to ensure that the same person uses the same unit each time it is requested.

### **Suspended Activities**

- Communion
- Fellowship Time and social gathering before or after church
- Sunday School
- Congregational singing
- Traditional collection by passing of the plate; envelopes may be dropped in a designated location at the back of the sanctuary as you enter/exit from the D'Arcy Street hallway
- Welcome handshakes or hugs; physical passing of peace.

### **Minimizing Exposure**

- Risk assessment information is enclosed; self screening must be done before you enter the church.
- A mask is to be worn throughout the service for the safety of all present. Those not comfortable with a mask are asked to use the alternative worship options of print, email or online services.
- Hand sanitizer units are mounted on the wall at entrances; sanitize your hands upon entry and exit.
- A sign in station will be set up outside the entrance to the sanctuary in the D'Arcy Street hallway; this is required for contact tracing and you will be asked to submit your name and contact info.
- Social distance markers have been placed on the floor in the D'Arcy Street hallway to ensure we remain at a safe distance while in queue to enter the sanctuary.
- Entry, exit and movement within the sanctuary will be managed by ushers.
- Post service cleaning and disinfecting will be completed ASAP

Thank-you for supporting our safe return to in person worship. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the office 613-267-2973 or speak to a member of the Reopening Committee:

Glenn Tunnock, Council Vice Chair; Wanda McNea, Worship & Arts Team Chair; Elaine Scott, Property Team Chair; Dorothy Thomson, Council Secretary; Joanne Lucas, Office Administrator.

