

Frequently Asked Questions November 2021

Dear Friends,

Your patience, prayers, and support have been so appreciated by the pastors, staff, Leadership Team, and Re-Entry Team.

As we continue to work through the challenges of a pandemic, know that Christ Church is strong and committed to taking God's message of salvation to those around us and to the world.

Sincerely,
The Leadership Team

1. QUESTION: Are we fully back in-person?

We have been "in-person" since October 2020 and have relied on the CDC/State regulations regarding spacing and mask wearing in determining our capacity. The state has removed social distancing requirements and now allows for 100% capacity. Due to the presence of cameras and additional equipment for live streaming, our capacity is reduced from before the pandemic, but we are as full as possible.

-We are meeting in person at both 9am and 10:30am. Our current capacity is about 120 in the sanctuary and 80 more in the Connection Cafe.

2. QUESTION: What does that mean for live streaming online church?

We will be continuing an online presence and will continue to live stream at 9 & 10:30 am each Sunday morning. We will also continue to live stream and video other content like classes or seminars with the goal of creating a thriving online community.

Why keep the live-streaming online church going once the pandemic is over?

Covid-19 changed the landscape for churches in a dramatic way:

- We have been able to minister to people who live out of state
- We have been able to keep connected to those who are health compromised and may continue to be even after the pandemic
- We have been able to open ministry to those who may not be able to travel at night or during inclement weather
- We have been creating an online ministry where many people are "trying" church for the first time and have decided to stay; this applies to many in the younger generations

3. QUESTION: Will I still need to register for in-person services?

No, registration is no longer needed for Sunday morning services. However, we still require parents to register their children for the Ministry Center for Sunday School during the 9am service (from birth - 4th grade).

4. QUESTION: What about family and youth ministry?

Starting September 2021, our children from birth through 4th grade will be meeting in the Ministry Center during the 9am service. Our students in grade 5-8 will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-7pm in the Ministry Center. Our High School students will meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00pm at the Brigg's Barn (30 Middle Rd. East Greenwich).

5. QUESTION: Can C groups meet in-person yet?

Yes! As more people are vaccinated, we are opening up the church to allow our C-groups to meet. If you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required. We ask that you limit your group to a maximum of 15 people.

Access to the church building will need to be scheduled with the church office along with your C-group.

6. QUESTION: What are the safety measures that will remain in place?

- a. mask wearing for children and those who have not been fully vaccinated.
 - b. hand sanitizing stations
 - c. cleaning protocols before and after services
 - d. 8 ultraviolet air sterilizers to our ventilation systems in the church and ministry center which will run continuously while the building is occupied
- Note: You will need permission from the office to enter/schedule meeting at the church

7. QUESTION: Do you still need help?

YES! Join a team. This is your way of helping us get back together.

- a. Greeting/check-in Team (welcoming, nametags, etc)
- b. Production Team (video, tech, mixing, and online responsibilities)
- c. CCKids Team (registering children, teachers, helpers, craft helpers)

8. QUESTION: How are we doing financially since the COVID-19 protocol went into effect?

Many of you have been able to continue your commitment to Christ Church in your weekly tithes and offerings. Others have been hit hard financially by the coronavirus, and you have had to reduce or stop your weekly contributions. Because of this, we are behind in giving and have seriously cut expenditures to balance our budget.

9. QUESTION: Who has been deciding how we respond to the coronavirus?

The Leadership Team established our Re-Entry Team to monitor state and federal orders, directives, and guidelines. The Re-Entry Team works in complete collaboration with the Leadership