



St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that on Sunday September 13, we will be able to worship together in our church building. It has been six months since we have been able to worship together in person. Although some of us welcome the opportunity to return, I recognize that others may be hesitant to join us while the pandemic is still a major factor in our society. There should be no guilt feelings if you wish to stay safely at home and watch our service on-line. Check our website and under “News Items” click on “Sunday Readings & Video”.

Our church building has been freshly painted and “sanitized” for use. This being said, there are a number of restrictions for our worship due to advice and policies of the government, health officials and the Diocese of Toronto. After several meetings, we believe that we have established as safe a worship program as we are able. For those attending at St. Margaret's you will be asked to exercise patience and compassion as we implement our procedures.

There will be two services a week - on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

The service will be Holy Eucharist on both days. The church building will be completely cleaned after each service.

Upon Arrival for worship (Mask must be worn)

As much as possible please practice social distancing of 2 meters and wearing a mask is necessary,
(if you do not have a mask we will provide you with one).

Entrance to the building will be controlled. Upon entry you must register at a counter prior to entering the worship area.

After registering you will be escorted to a seat. The pews have been marked to allow social distancing during the Service. Families or “Bubbles” will be seated as a group in the longer pews and individuals or pairs will be seated in the shorter pews.

During the Service (Mask must be worn)

Hymns will be played but there is to be NO singing. We will not be sharing the Peace.

Approach to the sanctuary during Communion will be in a single line where you will receive only the Bread at which time you will step aside, remove your mask and consume. Sides people will help direct you through the process.

After the Service

Exit from the building will be controlled through the side doors unless you have mobility issues, in which case you will remain in the worship area until directed out through the main doors.

As we are not allowed to meet within the building there will not be any coffee or snacks.

If meeting with friends outside, please practice social distancing and/or wear your mask.

This is a trying time for everyone and we need your cooperation and patience as we work to make our worship safe, enjoyable, meaningful and comfortable for all. Comments are most welcome if you have concerns or suggestions. It must be recognized that this is new for all of us and we will be monitoring how improvements can be made.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and if it happens that things are not going as smoothly as we planned, be patient with us and help us to make St. Margaret's the safe, caring, and loving place it has always been.

Yours in Christ,

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