

HSAC Indoor Worship Guidelines

June 2022

Masks

Masks are optional for worshippers during the worship service, with the exception of communion. We ask that all worshippers over 2 years old coming forward for communion wear a mask from the time they exit their pew until they return to their seat.

Ventilation

The doors of the church will remain open during our worship. These include the double entry doors to the narthex (lobby) and the two doors on either side of the church nearer the front. Windows will be opened to allow air flow.

Communion Procedure

Ushers will dismiss one row at a time for communion. The Usher will offer hand sanitizer for each person as they enter the aisle.

The communicant will approach the priest, hands folded flat held in front of them, the priest will place communion in their hand, they walk back to their seat before removing their mask consuming the host.

Fellowship Time

The courtyard will be available for fellowship of the church family after the service. Per CDC guidelines, masks are optional outside. The Fellowship Hall, when in use, will have all doors open for ventilation.

Those Not Comfortable with Indoor Worship

An outside area will be set up outside the church where those who are not comfortable being inside can participate in worship. We will station an EZ up and chairs at the side door of the church for a view of the front. A speaker will be placed outside so that worshippers can hear and respond to the liturgy. For communion, a priest and assistant will move outdoors to distribute communion to any worshipping in this outdoor setting.

Those who are not comfortable attending in either format will be contacted and offered a communion visit under whatever circumstances they feel comfortable.

Positive Test Policy

In the event that an attendee of one of our worship services tests positive for COVID in the week following, we will notify the rest of the church. In our notification, we will not share the identity of the person who tested positive.