



St. Andrew's United Church ~ Sudbury Worship Policies and Procedures

*As of August 19, 2021

St. Andrew's United Church will resume in-person Sunday worship in the sanctuary, beginning September 12/21.

We are also working towards livestreaming our services. This would provide our congregation with three options:

- a) Attend worship in-person on Sunday morning at 10:30 am
- b) Watch the livestreamed service at home at 10:30 am
- c) Watch the recorded service on our YouTube channel (posted soon after the end of the service).

The following list of precautionary protocols has been developed in keeping with current best practices recommended by local and provincial public health authorities and the United Church of Canada.

- **Full vaccination against COVID-19 is strongly recommended to attend in-person worship, but is not currently required.**
- For the safety and well-being of everyone, all attendees, including children, will be screened upon arrival. Admittance will be denied to anyone who:
 - Is currently exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19
 - Has come in close contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days
 - Has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days
- Attendance is limited to 70 people, to allow for physically distanced seating
- *Individuals who wish not to appear on camera may sit at the back right-hand side of the sanctuary*
- In accordance with Greater Sudbury health regulations, **attendees are required to wear masks upon arrival and at all times inside the building** – masks will be available for those who forget their own
- Everyone will be required to sanitize their hands upon entering the building - hand sanitizer will be readily available at several stations and in the washrooms
- Attendees will be required to provide their name and phone number at our sign-in table, for the purposes of contact tracing. Attendees will be notified if anyone attending one of our services is suspected/confirmed to have COVID-19. Attendance lists will be destroyed 14 days after each service.
- Traffic flows in the lobby, narthex and sanctuary will be clearly marked
- **Attendees must maintain physical distance** – shaking hands and other physical contact is not permitted
- After signing in, attendees may line up at the sanctuary entrance, maintaining appropriate physical distance until you are guided to appropriate seating
- Before taking your seat, you are invited to place your offering in the basket on a table to your right
- Seating will be arranged to ensure appropriate physical distancing (singles, pairs, groups of three or more).
- The children's area will not be available – children will be seated with their family group
- *Humming underneath your mask is permitted. Only the music director or designated soloist may sing without a mask from behind the protective plexiglass shield.*
- Paper bulletins will not be distributed – all elements of the order of service will be projected
- A copy of the service content will be emailed to participants ahead of time – you may bring your own copies if you wish, in print or digital form. Please take any paper with you when you leave
- Print materials such as hymn books, bibles, etc. will not be available
- All services will be “no contact” for communion, passing of the peace, offerings, etc.
- **Pre- and post-service socializing inside the building is not permitted.**
- **The post-service Zoom fellowship time will continue to be held on Sunday evenings at 7pm**, to allow those who attend worship sufficient time to return home in order to participate.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact either of our Church Council co-chairs

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