



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

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St. Andrew's United Church is currently offering in-person Sunday worship in the sanctuary.

We also offer livestreaming capabilities. This provides our community with three options:

- a) Attend the worship service in-person, following the policies listed below
- b) Watch the livestreamed service at home on our YouTube channel
- 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 UPDATED in keeping with current best practices recommended by local and provincial public health authorities and the United Church of Canada.

VACCINATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

As of June 1/22, vaccination is no longer mandatory in order to be able to attend worship. However, for the safety and well-being of everyone, all staff, volunteers and attendees are strongly encouraged to receive vaccination against COVID-19, including supplementary "booster" shots as recommended by public health officials.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

- 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
- Physically distanced seating (singles, couples, groups of three or more) is available for up to 70 people.
- *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 recommendations, **attendees are required to wear masks at all times inside the building. Masks must cover nose and chin, and fit snugly to the face.** Disposable masks will be available for those who forget or misplace their own
- Everyone is required to sanitize their hands upon entering the building - hand sanitizer will be readily available at several stations and in the washrooms
- 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
- The children's area will not be available – children will be seated with their family group
- 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
- All services will be "no contact" for communion, passing of the peace, offerings, etc.
- ***Singing underneath your mask is permitted. Only the music director and/or designated soloist(s) may sing without a mask from behind the protective plexiglass shield.***

AFTER THE SERVICE

- **After-service socializing is permitted in the 111 Lounge and in the sanctuary.** No food or drink will be served – masks and physical distancing are still mandatory.
- The post-service Zoom fellowship time will continue to be held on Sunday evenings at 7pm.

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

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