St. Peter’s Regathering Guidelines: In-Person Worship

Before Arrival:
- Please do not attend if you are feeling even slightly unwell.
- If you are considered high-risk (over 65 and/or have underlying health concerns, and/or are a caregiver for someone in that category), please carefully and prayerfully consider whether or not attending in-person worship is a wise choice for you right now.

Arrival:
- Plan to arrive a bit early, as getting situated is likely to take some time.
- We will be able to accommodate about 50 congregants in the sanctuary for worship, with some overflow space in Bender Hall to view a video stream of the service.
- Mask-wearing in the building(s) will be required of adults, and expected (as feasible, within reason) for older children. Children under age 2 should not wear a mask.
- Practice no-touch greetings—a wave, or reverent bow (no handshakes or hugs).
- Enter through the Bender Hall Door. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between household units, and use hand sanitizer as you enter the building.
- You will also find a sign-in sheet with a request for contact information. This will only be used in the event that we need to contact attendees to inform about COVID-19 exposure.
- A collection plate will be available inside the entrance (it will not be passed). Online giving is available via the website, and a more robust range of options for online giving will be available soon.
- Available pews will be marked and ushers will be available to help you find a pew. Copies of service leaflets will be available, but please also consider downloading the leaflet on your device or printing at home.

Eucharist:
- Communion will be offered in one kind only (bread). A small amount of wine will be consecrated, but only the presider will partake. If you would like further discussion on the theology and reasoning behind this choice, please contact Mo. Alissa.
- After the invitation, household units will remain standing if they wish to receive Communion (if you do not wish to receive, please be seated).
- Those distributing Communion will sanitize their hands, then make their way through the congregation, and will release the wafer into your outstretched hands—please take care to cup them upward.
- After receiving Communion, please be seated until distribution is finished.
- Please keep masks on except as needed to consume the wafer (most masks can simply be pushed aside with no need to fully remove).
- There is much mystery in the Sacrament, but there is nothing magical that makes it impervious to disease. Choosing not to receive is a perfectly valid action that implies nothing about you or your faith. After the distribution, we will say a prayer of spiritual communion.
Exit:

- After the dismissal, please exit through the nearest door, continuing to maintain at least a 6-foot distance between household units.
- We will not be having fellowship (coffee hour) or in-person Christian education at the church at this time. Please respect this by limiting lingering after the service, and continuing to maintain a 6-foot distance as you return to your homes/vehicles.

Additional Notes:

- Only a soloist or duet will sing, from the choir loft, facing away from the congregation. The congregation is invited to listen reflectively, or to hum softly with lips closed.
- Childcare will not be provided at this time.
- Restrooms will be available; please limit your use of Bender Hall to the two central restrooms (nearest the church-side door).
- For the time being, we will not hold in-person coffee hour/fellowship. We will continue to hold “coffee hour” via Zoom, if you are able to log on once you return home.