



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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From the Wardens and Vestry of St. David's on the Hill

April 28, 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Welcome back to St. David's on the Hill

The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island has approved our plan for re-opening, and our first inside the church service in more than a year will be on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM. We have guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Department of Health that we must follow for continued safety. These guidelines are being communicated to parishioners through this letter.

Because restrictions on indoor seating limits still exist, at this time, we ask that you call Kathy in the office at 401- 942-4368 or email at stdavidsonthehill@verizon.net by Thursday, May 7, at noon, to reserve your place in the sanctuary for services.

St. David's on the Hill cannot guarantee the safety of those who enter and you are assuming any risks if you decide to come to church at this time. The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island asks that the first time worshipers come to church after reopening, they sign a Covenant that states, I will:

- Follow the guidelines that have been set up for safety.
- Not come to church if I have any symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness until I am free from symptoms.
- Sign in when I arrive for services for the purposes of contact tracing.

The Church Building and the Sanctuary

The Sanctuary and other parts of the building that you may come in contact with have been thoroughly cleansed and will be cleansed weekly between services.

Other guidelines at this time include:

- **Please enter and exit through the doors as marked.**
- **Seating – Ushers** will assist you with seating in accordance with distancing requirements.

- **Masks – wearing a mask is required during your time in the church.** All children over the age of 2 are asked to wear a mask.
- **Hand Sanitizer** - will be used as you enter the church, as you approach the altar for communion. The ushers will assist you.
- **Distancing** - Please keep **6 feet of distance** between you and others. Family members may sit together (distancing requirements will change over time) Ushers will assist you with seating.
- **Coffee Hour** - We will not have Coffee Hour at this time.

Changes to Worship at present

- We will not be singing as a congregation yet.
- Please share the peace without physical contact.
- Wafers only will be offered.
- The offering plate is at the back of the sanctuary.

Parishioners role in safely returning to St. David's on the Hill

- To assure additional safety for parishioners, St. David's will continue with internet availability of our weekly service. You may access the service through our website stdavidsonthehill.org and on YouTube on Sunday morning at 9:00 or at any later time

What can I do if I cannot come to church?

- **Pray that all this will end soon and that we can return to worship in the manner we are accustomed to.**
- **Pray for one another.**
- **Pray that we stay healthy, stay in communication with one another, whether by phone or by e-mail and follow the regulations set up for all our safety.**

Wear a mask, Wash your hands often, Practice safe distancing

In peace,

Linda Guest, Sr. Warden