

AFTERNOONS AT ALL SOULS

We are excited to provide a new opportunity for our community to gather together and to be fed by the Lord through the preaching of His word, and in prayer and fellowship.

We see these gatherings as a small step in the process of gradually returning to our full, Lord's Day, face to face worship services, but certainly wanted to be caring and cautious as we do this.

Our primary efforts in mitigating the risk of viral transmission or acquisition during these gatherings will be focused on face covering and social distancing.

The **Afternoons at All Souls** gatherings will have a similar liturgical format to our Sunday morning services (invited in, cleaned off, made new, draw near, sent out) and will consist of approximately 45 minutes of readings, prayer, and a sermon.

In the first instance, musical accompaniment will be minimal, and there will be no singing. While children are welcome, there will be no nursery or child care during the service. There will also be no printed bulletins or communal tithes or offerings. The Lord's supper will not currently be celebrated at these gatherings.

More details regarding attendance guidelines and biosecurity precautions are provided below.

This framework is founded on the following guiding principles:

- To protect the unity of the body of Christ
- To protect the health and well-being of everyone during an All Soul's gathering
- To reduce the risk of viral acquisition and transmission during an All Soul's gathering
- To help everyone feel safe while attending an All Souls gathering
- To think of others as more important than ourselves (Philippians 2:3)

ATTENDANCE

- We strongly encourage any of you in the at-risk population to continue to participate in worship from home as you are able and take advantage of the online options. "At-risk" includes individuals who are 65 or older along with those who have: chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-increased-risk.html>)

- If you have experienced any COVID related symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) in the past 14 days, please do not attend the gathering.
- If you have been in a high risk contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone that has experienced any COVID-related symptoms fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea)
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- If you have been in contact with a COVID-positive individual in the past 14 days, please do not attend the gathering
- If you have recently travelled by airplane, public transport, or have been in a high risk region of the country, please do not attend the gathering
- To facilitate contact tracing in the event of a COVID outbreak, we will respectfully ask all attendees to record their attendance, including their name, address and contact phone number either before or during the gathering

THE ENVIRONMENT

- We will gather in a spacious, high ceiling environment (capacity 300 people, ceilings 40 feet in the sanctuary and atrium)
- Air flow is maximized to optimize air hygiene
- Seating will be arranged to optimize physical distancing between family/household bubbles
- While All Souls will coordinate a widespread sanitization of all utilized areas, we encourage people to clean their immediate sitting area both before and after the service. Cleaning resources will be provided
- No food or drink will be provided at the gathering
- While there are restroom facilities available, the space is quite limited, and so we recommend that their use is minimized during our gatherings

THE PEOPLE

- We respectfully ask for people attending the gathering to arrive more than 10 minutes before the beginning of the gathering

- We respectfully require everyone (over the age of 2 years old) to wear face covering (face masks and/or face shields) while in the building.
- While we encourage conventional interactions between individuals in respective family/household bubbles, we respectfully ask that appropriate physical distancing (minimum 6 feet) is maintained between members (adults and children) in separate family/household bubbles, at all times when in the building
- To optimize communication all public speakers will remove their face covering during oration. We are exploring means by which to minimize aerosol generation by speakers, such as the use of a plexiglass shield.
- Once the meeting is over we encourage everyone to move conversations outdoors.

FACE COVERINGS

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TRAFFIC FLOW

- Please maintain social distancing while entering and exiting the building, and while walking down corridors.

OTHER INFORMATION

While not a requirement for attendance at All Souls gatherings, our community has the advantage of free and available testing. If circumstances change from the current low in community infections, we may respectfully ask potential attendees to take a COVID viral test within 72 hours before attending any community gatherings

- Free viral testing is available to the public every day from 8am-4pm at Market Place Mall (perhaps for next week)
- University employees and students are eligible for free viral testing at a wide number of campus locations