

REOPENING PROTOCOLS FOR TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Capacity with distancing protocol: 96 people

The church service will begin at 10:00 am. The doors to the church will open at 9:30 am.

Before leaving for church, please consider whether or not it is safe for you to attend. Please stay home if you have any of the symptoms described in Attachment A.

Please allow for extra time to arrive at church and complete the required entry protocols – attendance taking for tracking purposes, answering screening questions and hand sanitizing. You are required to wear a clean, properly fitted mask that covers nose and mouth. The mask is to be worn at all times while you are in the building. If you forget your mask, we have a limited supply of disposable masks. Please wear your name tag.

The Reid Street door will be the only entry and exit door for our church services.

As you enter the foyer there will be a large sign with the medical questionnaire on it. (please see Attachment A) Here, a greeter will ask for your verbal response to the questionnaire and record your attendance for tracking purposes and building capacity control. Please understand that if you answer 'yes' to any of the medical questions you will be asked to leave the building for the safety of everyone in attendance.

Floor markings and signs are in place throughout the main floor and Sanctuary to help you determine the 2m/6 feet of physical distancing that you are required to maintain. Please pay attention to the orange tape markings.

You will be requested to use the supplied hand sanitizer placed in the foyer.

If you use the elevator, proceed to the marked waiting area. You will be taken one at a time and the elevator will be sanitized between each passenger.

You are asked to take all outer wear with you into the Sanctuary.

Entry into the Sanctuary is one-way. You will not be allowed to leave the Sanctuary until everyone has made their way up the stairs and the service is underway. Therefore if you require the washroom facilities, please make use of them before you head upstairs to the Sanctuary. For the time being only the main floor washroom will be available. It will be sanitized regularly.

As you enter the Sanctuary, there will be a table on the right hand side that will have the hearing devices (marked with names) for those who require them, age appropriate children's activity packets and a collection plate for your givings. There will be no offertory during the service so we suggest you prepare your offering before leaving home so that it can be easily placed on the plate. We encourage you to use PAR, CanadaHelps and e-transfer for donations.

There will be two stands with signs indicating 'Please Wait to be Seated'. Our ushers will hand you a copy of the order of service and take you to an available seat. The

pews have been taped off to allow for physical distancing. Ushers will seat you in an orderly fashion from front to back on both sides. You may not find yourself in your regular seat and we ask for your understanding in this matter. Members of a single household are permitted to sit together. Entry into the pews will be from each end so that there will be no crossing in front of someone else. All Bibles and hymn books have been removed. Once seated, please remain in place. During the service there will be no singing or verbal responses made by the congregation. Music will be provided by the organ, piano and bells and a limited choir to conform to physical distancing requirements.

While the service is underway, all handrails, doors and touchpoints between the Sanctuary and the Reid Street entrance will be sanitized.

Exit following the service will be directed by the ushers to ensure an orderly departure with physical distancing. A blue box will be in place to discard your bulletin and headsets should be placed on the table. Children are invited to take their packets home. Those requiring the elevator will be asked to remain seated until everyone else has departed the Sanctuary.

You are asked to exit the building as quickly as you can in order to keep the exit process as smooth as possible. There will be no coffee, tea or fellowship time.

Frequently Asked Questions

I do not feel comfortable returning to church at this time. What are my options?

We will continue to offer our service online each week. Once we are worshipping in the Sanctuary the Sunday service will be recorded and uploaded to our website. We hope that this will be done the same day, but if not it will be available early in the week.

What if I have a medical condition that prevents me from wearing a mask?

If you have a medical issue, please call the church office and Joanna will speak to you about alternative coverings that may make it possible for you to attend services. If we can accommodate you, seating will be provided towards the back of the Sanctuary.

Can I visit the library or other areas of the church?

Unfortunately that is not possible at this time. All other areas of the church are off limits on Sunday.

Will we have Communion?

We are a sacramental faith and we understand how important this is for many of you. The Minister and Worship & Sacraments is developing a communion service that will NOT include intinction or leaving the pew.

The church parking lot is full. Where do I park?

We will keep a close eye on the available parking spaces. If the lot is full and people have to park in the municipal lot, we have plans in place to open the Simcoe Street door. We are also suggesting that in the meantime if you like to exercise and don't mind the walk to the Reid Street entrance, perhaps you could consider parking in the municipal lot to ensure parking spaces are available in the Trinity lot for those who need them.

I drive a friend to church and we do not reside in the same house. Can I do this?

We do not want to make determinations for activities outside of Trinity. We feel that this must be decided between the driver and passengers and how you feel about it. Peterborough Health recommends that if you travel together that you both wear your masks and if possible open a window.

ATTACHMENT 'A'

STOP COVID-19

Do you have any of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat, trouble swallowing
- Runny nose
- Loss of taste or smell
- Not feeling well
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

Have you been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, go home & self-isolate right away. Call Telehealth or your health care provider, to find out if you need a test.

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