



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

An inclusive church welcoming everyone

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“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
Matthew 18:20

Dear Friends in Christ,

This letter is to accompany our [COVID-19 Worship Guidelines and Protocol](#), which will be released this coming week. Please take the time to read the guideline as it may answer some of the questions you have. I also refer you to the section of our protocol: *Theology of Spiritual Communion*.

In my previous letter dated July 2, I wrote that our COVID task force believed we could accommodate 8:00am and 10:00am services. After further reflection, we have decided to hold one parish service with Holy Communion at 10:00am on Sundays, for July and August. Two of these services are tentatively scheduled for outdoors. If you plan on attending the outdoor service, if possible, please bring a chair. In September, we will reevaluate where we are concerning the virus, and our service times will be updated accordingly.

During the pandemic, we need to take good care of one another. As such, we are holding the one service that alternates between both service liturgies. This allows our community to come together in a new way while providing our cleaning team and volunteers time for renewal. The schedule is fluid and evaluated by our task group weekly.

The service schedule can be found at <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/schedule.html>

Our weekly Sunday services will be live-streamed. Services will be archived for viewing at a later time. Details on how to access the feed are forthcoming. Following our Sunday services, at 11:15am we will hold a Zoom Coffee and Conversation.

Rev. Bonnie Baird, myself and other lay ministers will move our Wednesday service of Morning Prayer and Thursday service of Evening Prayer to the Zoom platform. This will model the recent Sunday experience.

If you plan on coming to church in person, you will need to RSVP your attendance (please see the section of the protocol document *Coming to Church on Sunday: RSVP* for further details). We are actively encouraging parishioners to use our online platform to reserve a seat. You can register at <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/rsvp.html>. Requests for seating can be

made until 4:00pm on Wednesdays. You will then be notified with further instructions. You can also register by calling the parish office. Needing to make an appointment to come to church on Sunday certainly seems strange. However, at this time, it allows us to plan safely.

As we know, the pandemic will continue for some time. Our parish Wardens and I will evaluate the rhythm of worship, and changes may be required.

I want to thank the many volunteers: our cleaners, greeters, audiovisual members, lay ministers, staff, clergy, and parish council. Thank you for your many hours spent preparing for our return to the church in this unique way. None of this is possible without God's people working together.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office. At this time, we are looking for additional door greeters. If you interested in this vital ministry, please contact Barbara Hart at hartba@bellaliant.net or 902.434.1900 or 902.225.7575.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kyle Wagner".

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