

Here is our policy for worship services, as of September 12, 2020:

We now offer two services: **one at 8:30 and one at 10:30**. We plan to limit the time of each service to an hour. This will allow time for one group to leave and the other to arrive, as well as to clean and wipe down common surface areas between the services.

The second service will be **broadcast live** via the church's Facebook page, also available from the "watch online" link on the church's web site (www.christcommunityvt.org).

Please feel free to attend either service or watch from home if you are not comfortable attending. Of course, if you are not feeling well, we would ask that you not attend the in-person service.

We are now allowed to have 50% of our capacity in the sanctuary at one time. This would be **about 50 people**, including worship team, tech crew, etc. However, since we also need to allow space for proper social distancing, this will still keep us closer to the **30-35** level.

Masks will be expected any time a person is not at his or her seat. Masks may be removed, if you wish, while at your seat during the service, either sitting and listening, or standing and singing. More details on the mask policy are found at the end of this document.

Chairs will be rearranged in the sanctuary to encourage **social distancing**. Of course, family groups would be expected to sit together.

To minimize contact, we will introduce these changes:

- Beginning October 4, there will be a Children's Church for kids birth through 2nd grade downstairs during the 10:30 service. This will be the only child care or kids' program for the time being.
- There will be no in-person adult C.L.A.S.S. on Sunday morning. There are plans for a virtual class, and possibly an in-person class, probably beginning in early October. Details will be determined soon.
- There will be no student/youth Sunday School.
- Communion, when offered, will utilize self-contained wafer and juice packages, available for pick-up at the back of the church.
- There will be no Meet and Greet time during the service.
- The offering plates will not be passed. Plates will be located in the back of the sanctuary. (Note: mail-in or on-line giving are still good options.)
- Bulletins will not be passed out, but available to pick up.
- The prayer team will be available at the end of the 10:30 service for those who wish it. The team will respect your comfort level with social distancing.

We are trying to ensure our members' safety while not neglecting to meet together.

CCAC Mask Recommendations
September 5, 2020

To reduce confusion as to what is expected during CCAC services regarding mask wearing, we offer these recommendations in keeping with Vermont's mask mandate. The mandate reads as follows:

As of Saturday, August 1, 2020, Vermonters and visitors are required to wear masks or cloth facial coverings over their nose and mouth any time they are in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, where they come in contact with others from outside their households, especially in congregate settings, and where it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet.

Masks or cloth facial coverings are not required when someone is engaged in strenuous exercise or activity, for anyone under the age of 2, any child or adult with a medical or developmental issue or challenge that is complicated or irritated by a facial covering, anyone with difficulty breathing or as further set forth in guidance issued by the Vermont Department of Health. A person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical or developmental issue, or difficulty breathing, shall not be required to produce documentation, or other evidence, verifying the condition.

Since most personal conversations take place within six feet, we will expect masks to be worn by anyone who is walking around or not standing at their seat. This would include coming in, going out, visiting, etc., both inside as well as outside in close vicinity of the church.

Since CCAC's sanctuary chairs have been arranged to be in groups which are at least six feet apart, and family members will typically sit in the same group, masks do not need to be worn while sitting during service, or standing while singing.

So, summary: up and about, masks up; at your chair, they may be down. (But of course you may keep them up if you wish.)

We realize this is a sensitive issue for many people, and there are different points of view as to what should or should not be required. We have tried to set these guidelines as fairly as possible to follow the state mandate, and to be similar to the policy followed by restaurants offering indoor dining. Let us do our best to respect each other, and not to let disagreements in this area affect the unity of the church body.