

June 11, 2021

Back on June 2, Saint Andrew moved from Phase 1 to Phase 2 under the Plan to Gather.

This week, on June 9, we began Phase 3 because the Covid-19 Burden has plummeted drastically due to the use of masks and social distancing, enhanced by the vaccination rate in the county. Thank you for everything you have done to help limit the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

We are not passed the pandemic yet, so please stay home if you are not feeling well, get tested if you have symptoms of Covid, and practice personal hygiene to prevent the spread of disease. Every public gathering carries some risk and we encourage you to assess the risk of attending any gathering including church services. Worship will still be offered via livestream, now at 9:15 am, and outdoors on the Celebration Patio at 10:30 am as the safest options for worshipping.

Moving to Phase 2 allows for people attending the livestream service as well as holding an 8:00 am in-person service. This gives us the space to host about 80 people per service and have enough space to maintain physical distancing. Overflow seating will be available in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall to allow for adequate space.

Because we are in Phase 3, we will add congregational singing and follow CDC masking guidelines. This means those who are fully vaccinated do not have to wear masks. Masks will be available for those who are not vaccinated. Currently the vaccine is not available for children under 12, please keep this in mind with your own masking and hygiene practices.

We plan on spending several weeks living into our Phase 3 gatherings. This Holy Experiment of regathering has kept us on our toes these past few weeks and the volunteers that have made worship possible will need some time to settle into these new routines. If you had been part of a team that assisted with worship in the past, please reach out to the ministry and learn about ways that you can help with Phase 3 worship services. If you have not been a part of a worship ministry before and would like to, please reach out and join in the worship life of Saint Andrew.

As always, keep an eye on our communications via email, website, Facebook, etc. for the most up-to-date information, what the plan to gather is, and where you can help out.

Peace be with you,

*Pr. Justin*