

Dear Old Scotch Church members and friends,

Session decided to move inside for worship, starting Sunday, September 19. This was not an easy decision because we aren't able to return to worship in the ways we gathered before the pandemic. We will be following the protocols listed below for worship, and we will continue to record services to make viewing available by Sunday evening. Please plan to join us in whatever way is suitable to you.

**Protocols for indoor worship at The Old Scotch Church:**

1. Masks must be properly worn at all times, whether vaccinated or not.
2. Distancing is not required, but recommended, so please self-regulate on distance from other family units, or consider sitting downstairs for the streamed service where there is more space.
3. The offering will be taken through a donation box in the foyer, or continue to be received through the mail.
4. Bibles, hymnals, and pew materials have been removed to reduce touch contact transmission.
5. Singing other than special music will not happen in the building, but reflection on the words or quiet humming of the hymn is recommended.
6. Prayer requests will be taken orally, and the prayer time will be deleted from the recorded service, due to privacy concerns.
7. Restrooms are available with antiseptic wipes available for use at each person's discretion.
8. Food and drink for fellowship time will not be offered inside the building.
9. Doors and windows in the building will be open to allow for air flow, so dress appropriately.
10. On communion Sundays, we will continue to use individual elements.
11. Children's sermons, Sunday School, and the nursery will be available for kids over 2 years who will be asked to mask and distance with an adult leader/teacher.

Friends, we have been flexible and creative for a year and a half, and we will continue to hold up our core values of worship and community, as we seek to follow Christ faithfully in this continued pandemic. As we shift again, please offer one another grace and kindness as we shine the light of our Lord.

Grace and peace,

Tracie