

Covenant for Regathering in Worship

This time of pandemic is like no other season in our lifetimes. We are called to act in unfamiliar ways, staying home, distancing ourselves from others, wearing masks when we are in public places to protect others as well as ourselves, and disclosing when we have been exposed to the virus. At first these new behaviors seem to fly in the face of our beliefs, yet upon deeper reflection, our actions can reflect the core values and beliefs of our Christian faith.

For us as Christians, these behaviors are acts of care and devotion. We realize our gathering will necessarily look different than it did before this season of pandemic. We must protect every person present as well as everyone with whom they will have contact. We commit to live faithfully both inside and outside the church walls. We act in selfless love and service as we commit community covenant.

Thus, we each promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by All Saints' plans for regathering and the guidelines of the Diocese of New Jersey for participation in its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant, I will, with God's help:

Love my neighbor as myself

- Wear a mask over my nose and mouth at all times at church gatherings.
- Attend worship only if I am healthy and non-symptomatic with the novel coronavirus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant.
- Will make reservations to attend worship as required by All Saints Church, accepting that I might not be able to attend each service so that all members can have a chance to attend.
- Will supply my contact information when making reservations to facilitate any later contact tracing that might be needed.

Respect the dignity of every human being

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household while at church gatherings.
- Maintain a 6 foot or more distance from others in the congregation.
- Honor the chair spacing designated in the worship space.
- Respect any requests for distancing, masking, and cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.
- Immediately inform parish leaders if I or any member of my family tests positive for COVID-19 after having worshipped with the All Saints Church community.
- Self-quarantine for 14 days if told that someone who was present at All Saints at the same time I was has tested positive.

Seek and serve Christ in all people

- Trust and support the decisions of our congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, email, video chat, or mail.