



Grace Episcopal Church Worship Committee Minutes

13 June 2021

Committee Member	Present
Stephanie Batterman	X
Greg Caron	
Mary Caron	
Glenis Elliott	X
Ed Greene	X
Frank Jacob	X
Pam Mott	
Will Neilson	X
Diane Paterson	X
Liz Prest	
Sharon Steele	X
Frank Strasburger	
Mary Swain	X
Cindy Young	X

The meeting followed the Sunday Diocesan Service. The Rev Stephanie Batterman opened with a prayer.

This meeting was to discuss returning to church, based on the recommendations of the Return to Church Committee, and discussion specifically regarding worship to provide recommendations to the Vestry.

Phased opening

- 1st Phase, running Zoom from church
- 2nd Phase, Altar Party and Choir in church, Zooming from church
- 3rd Phase, Parishioners in church, Zooming from church

Continuing Services

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** is on pause until after Labor Day, when it will return to in-person services and Zooming from church
- **Diocesan Services.** We will continue to share the service with the congregation, even though attendance is low. Once we are back in the church, we will try watching the Diocesan service in the church and zooming to those at home.
- **Sunday without Priest in Charge.** We will start thinking about creative ways to cover the Sundays that The Rev Pam Mott will not be there.
- **Sunday Services**
 - Will continue a single service at 10:15 through July, as shown below, unless Pam decides otherwise
 - Masks will be required, at least initially – will revisit in August (Return to Church recommendation)
 - Sign-in will be required (Return to Church recommendation)



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- Flowers -suggestion made to ask parishioners to work with flower committee to bring in flowers from their gardens
- Altar Party will be masked unless speaking
 - Priest, Deacon, 1st Server, Crucifer
 - Can be on Zoom or in person:
 - Lector
 - Intercessor
 - Offertory – Ushers will collect and bring forward with Elements
 - Communion – initially will be one or two stations with bread only (standing)
 - Parishioners go up center aisle, then return by side aisles
 - Take the bread and return to seat to consume
 - Spiritual Communion will still be read, by someone at home
- Parishioners
 - Use prayer books / hymnals
 - In-person bulletins like pre-pandemic bulletins
 - Can sing with the choir (masked)
 - Peace will be at the discretion of parishioners whether they choose to remain seated or choose to get up to greet others
- Coffee Hour
 - Initially may be best to hold in Sanctuary so that Zoom participants can be present
 - Can be followed by Pam’s discussions
 - No food or drink
- Home Communion – need to start thinking about licensing more Lay Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to those at home – would not have to be a “service” if they had already attended the service on Zoom.
- Memorial services – would follow same procedures as Sunday services
- Discussion of a special Memorial service for those we have lost during the pandemic. Consensus of this committee was to save for All Saints Day.

Date	Service	Recommendation	Officiant
6-Jun	10:15 AM	Zoom	Pam Mott
13-Jun	10:15 AM - Diocesan Service	Zoom from home	Diocesan Service
20-Jun	10:15 AM	Zoom from church	Frank Strasburger
27-Jun	10:15 AM	Altar Party / Choir / Zoom	Ed Greene
4-Jul	10:15 AM	Altar Party / Choir / Zoom	Pam Mott
11-Jul	10:15 AM - Diocesan Service	Zoom from home	Diocesan Service
18-Jul	10:15 AM	Open Church / Zoom	Pam Mott
25-Jul	10:15 AM	Open Church / Zoom	Pam Mott
1-Aug	10:15 AM	Open Church / Zoom	Pam Mott
8-Aug	TBD	Open Church / Zoom	Pam Mott
15-Aug	TBD	Open Church / Zoom	Pam Mott
22-Aug	TBD	Open Church / Zoom	Ed Greene
29-Aug	TBD	Open Church / Zoom	Ed Green



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Attendance

Wednesday services averaged 9 – 12 people each week.

Worship Service (all home Zooms)	Date	Approximate # of Congregants
7 th Sunday of Easter	16 May 21	57
Day of Pentecost	23 May 21	48
Trinity of Sunday	30 May 21	46
2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	6 June 21	47
3 rd Sunday after Pentecost (Diocesan)	13 June 21	33

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be 11 July following the Sunday worship (Diocesan service) – will use same Zoom as Sunday worship.

- <https://zoom.us/j/5772630207>, (Password: 798671)
- OR call 646-876-9923 with ID: 577-263-0207

Sharon closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Steele, Chair