



Grace Episcopal Church Worship Committee Minutes

11 July 2021

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

The meeting followed the Sunday Diocesan Service. The Rev Pam Mott opened with a prayer.

Phased opening

- 1st Phase, running Zoom from church – was held 4 July – issues with sound – more work with experts have resolved issues
- 2nd Phase, Altar Party and Choir in church, Zooming from church will be 18 July
- 3rd Phase, Parishioners in church, Zooming from church – will be 25 July

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. Next service is 12 September.
- **Sunday Services**
 - Will continue a single service at 9:00 until further notice
 - Masks will not be required for those who are fully vaccinated
 - Sign-in will be required – name and phone number – will be handled by the Greeters
 - Flowers will be ferns initially, then Fred Kahrl's flowers on the 25th, then will be managed by the flower committee: Liz Prest, Marsha Kleinz, Connie Burt, Joan Bishop
 - Music will be organ and choir if Greg Caron is available. Greg will be available on the 24th and the 25th of July.
 - Altar Party, if fully vaccinated, will not be masked
 - Priest, Deacon, 1st Server, Crucifer
 - Can be on Zoom or in person: Lector, Intercessor
 - Offertory – Ushers will collect and bring forward with Elements



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- Communion
 - Only bread
 - Choir will go up first
 - Parishioners kneeling or standing at the rail
 - Spiritual Communion will still be read by someone at home or by someone representing those at home
- Prayers of the People – will start using the new versions that were written by a Grace committee before the pandemic.
- Parishioners
 - Use prayer books / hymnals
 - In-person bulletins like pre-pandemic bulletins
 - Can sing with the choir
 - Peace will be modeled by the Altar Party. This will be in the bulletin: *As we emerge from the pandemic, we are aware that some practices need to change. We suggest that you greet one another with your hands together and make a slight bow, thus acknowledging the offering of peace and respecting differences in comfort level around personal space. We honor the practice of “namaste” which means, literally “greeting” and is often understood to mean “the divine in me meets the divine in you”. When we offer each other “the peace” we are offering the “shalom” of God, and acknowledging that each of us, no matter how different, is made in the image of God.*
- Ushers – will be able to explain the mask policy and will resume “normal” duties, remembering that the choir goes first to the altar. Also, will obtain number of Zoom attendees from the Zoom Manager.
- Greeters – will assist folks with signing in
- Zoom screen will continue to show program
- Coffee Hour
 - Initially may be held in the Memorial Garden
 - May follow Pam’s discussions
- Home Communion – Pam and Pastoral Care committee will be asking if anyone would like to receive. Will need to gather those who would like to take communion to set up guidelines, but if the people have already seen the service on Zoom, will be just taking communion to them without the “service”. Right now the Diocese is not requiring licensing for Lay Eucharistic Ministers. This note will go in Grace Notes: *If you are unable to be present with us in the building today, and would like to receive the bread of communion, please signify this by leaving a message at the parish office, by phone (207) 443-3792 or email (pmott@gracebath.org).*
- Memorial services – would follow same procedures as Sunday services, except ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail, with choir going first.
- Special Memorial service for those we have lost during the pandemic. This will be on All Saints Day, 7 November. Congregation will be asked to provide a paragraph and picture of those lost during the pandemic. We will still use our rack for pictures on the altar.
- Other special services may be for celebrating and blessing first responders, teachers, nurses, and all those who got us through the pandemic. More to follow.
- Pam talked about possibly using different types of services from Rite I to Rite III and those from Enriching our Worship. May also do “instructed” services but might want to keep those simple.



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- Prudence Foster Memorial Service will be in the Chapel with the Rev Pam Mott and Frank Jacob
- Schedule is prepared through 12 September – please see on [Worship Leader web page](#).

Date	Type of Service	Service	Officiant
11-Jul	Diocesan Service	9:00 AM	
18-Jul	ALTAR PARTY, CHOIR AT CHURCH - OTHERS ON ZOOM	9:00 AM	The Rev Pam Mott
18 Jul	Prudence Foster Memorial Service	1:00 PM	The Rev Pam Mott
24-Jul	Fred Kahrl Memorial Service	1:00 PM	The Rev Ed Greene
25-Jul	Church Open / Zoom	9:00 AM	The Rev Pam Mott
1-Aug	Church Open / Zoom	9:00 AM	The Rev Pam Mott
8-Aug	Church Open / Zoom	9:00 AM	The Rev Pam Mott
15-Aug	Church Open / Zoom	9:00 AM	The Rev Pam Mott
22-Aug	Church Open / Zoom	9:00 AM	The Rev Ed Greene
29-Aug	Church Open / Zoom	9:00 AM	The Rev Ed Greene
5-Sep	Church Open / Zoom	9:00 AM	The Rev Pam Mott
12-Sep	Diocesan Service	9:00 AM	

Other issues

- Church Video – will be recorded and uploaded to Website (YouTube with link)
- Sharon will ask Julia
 - CDC sign for masks
 - New Sign in sheet with Name, Telephone for each service
 - New usher sheet with space to include Zoom attendees

Attendance

Worship Service (all home Zooms)	Date	Approximate # of Congregants
4 th Sunday after Pentecost	20 June 21	38
5 th Sunday after Pentecost	27 June 21	42
6 th Sunday after Pentecost	4 July 21	43
7 th Sunday after Pentecost	11 July 21	25

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be 12 September 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

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Steele, Chair