

Special Announcement

Further Easing of Covid Restrictions

What a wonderful time we enjoyed at our Pentecost in the Park celebration this past Sunday! A particular highlight for all of us, I'm sure, was the opportunity to worship and be together with greater freedom than we've experienced in over a year. I know that we're ready for more.

With the change in the [CDC guidelines for those who have been fully vaccinated](#) combined with the [governor's announced plan to end the COVID mitigation measures](#), we are gradually adjusting our own protocols for Sunday services at Gray's Event Center. Beginning this Sunday, May 30:

- Face coverings will no longer be required for those that are fully vaccinated.
- Those leading the service who are fully vaccinated, such as Deacon Sallie and I, will no longer be wearing masks.
- In acknowledgement of the needs of those not fully vaccinated or who have other health concerns, including our children, we continue to encourage the wearing of masks by those not vaccinated.
- We will continue to set up chairs according to our existing distancing guidelines, with the exception that those attending are no longer required to sit only with family members.
- We are increasing our attendance capacity to 90 people. We ask that you continue registering for the services, as it enables our setup team to know how to arrange the chairs, and provides us with a record of attendance if follow-up is needed.

You can register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4faea72ca2fa7-church>.

We will re-evaluate these measures at the end of June, and welcome your feedback along the way. You can communicate with us by emailing office@iachurch.org, or emailing me directly at thines@iachurch.org. And we hope to see more of you returning to worship in person at Gray's! As you consider doing so, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, and to consult your doctor if you have medical concerns.

I am grateful to the Lord for his protection of our Immanuel family during the pandemic, and for your part in all the care you have exercised on behalf of each other. We continue grieving with those who have lost dear ones to COVID, and pray for the healing of those still suffering the many effects of this difficult time.

Your Vestry, staff, and I are already at work exploring future plans as, God willing, increasing health and openness return to our communities.

Thank you for your ongoing grace, patience, and understanding.

Your Pastor in Christ,

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