



September 16, 2021

Dear Friends,

It has been a little more than a month since my last COVID-19 update. Not much has changed statistically. Our cases per 100k residents is back over 100 after a few days in the 90s. The Med Center is still reporting a positivity rate in the upper teens. Hospital beds remain at a premium. Among our Christ Church family, we've heard of several breakthrough cases, but thankfully they've produced mild-to-no symptoms. It seems our mitigation efforts are working, and we give thanks for that.

Work has continued, behind the scenes, to determine what we can and should do to safely live out our mission to worship God with joy and wonder, learn and grow together, and radiate God's love to all. Here's the latest details.

### **Worship with joy and wonder**

- Sunday worship continues at 8 and 10 am.
- Both services are now live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- Masks are required.
- Communion is available in both bread and wine (by intinction only).
- Two hymns are sung each week.
- The choir will begin recording anthems mid-week.
- Due to staffing issues, the nursery remains open, though without staff for both services.
- Mid-week worship continues with Centering Prayer on Tuesdays at 12, Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 7 am, and Healing Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon.

### **Learn and grow together**

- Children's Church will restart this Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am service.
- Conversations with Scripture will also restart in-person this Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- Online Confirmation Class for adults will launch soon.
- In-person Godly Play will restart on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fall Gathering will serve as our Kick-Off event at Basin Griffin Park on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Radiate God's love to all**

- Wednesday Community Lunch continues to distribute sack lunches.
- Plans are in the works to host a vaccine clinic in October.
- Churches United in Christ HELP Ministry continues monthly.
- MEALS INC continues quarterly.
- Updated communications will launch in October.

Please continue to stay safe and pray for our staff, friends, and neighbors.

Grace and Peace,