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The Feast of Saint Patrick, 2021

Dear Friends,

One year ago, March 12th, in my first letter to you announcing the suspension of in-person services and the beginning of **Church at Home**, I began by saying that I was “wearied by the changes and chances of this life,” but resting in God’s eternal changelessness. For 370 days, I’ve remained weary, but hopeful for this day, when I get to announce the beginning of our slow process of returning to **Church in the Pews**. We are on track to meet all of the metrics the Restart Task Force set as goals for a return to in-person worship by the 1st of April. Holy Week and Easter plans will remain as is, however, it is my great joy to announce that, unless these metrics change, our phased restart will begin on **Easter 2, April 11, 2021**. Please note that the phases have changed a bit. More details will be available on Sign-Up Genius as they become available.

Phase 0 – April 11, 2021

- Livestream Morning Prayer II at 10am
- Volunteers attend an in-person 8am service for training

Phase 1 – Begins April 18, 2021

- Livestream Morning Prayer II at 10am
- In-person 8am Morning Prayer I
 - 26 Households/Bubbles, Max capacity 200
 - Pre-registration required
 - Masks and physical distancing

Phase 2 – Begins May 2, 2021

- In-person 8am Morning Prayer I
 - 26 Households/Bubbles, Max capacity 200
 - Pre-registration required
 - Masks and physical distancing
- In-person and live stream 10am Morning Prayer II
 - 26 Households/Bubbles, Max capacity 200
 - Pre-registration required
 - Masks and physical distancing

Phase 3 – Begins Pentecost Day, May 23, 2021

- In-person 8am Holy Eucharist I
 - 26 Households/Bubbles, Max capacity 200
 - Pre-registration required
 - Masks and physical distancing
- In-person and live stream 10am Holy Eucharist II
 - 26 Households/Bubbles, Max capacity 200
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In order for this to happen, we will need lots of help. Any past ushers, security shepherds, greeters, and hosts, as well as anyone interested in helping facilitate temperature checks, bulletin distribution, and seating are invited to contact Shawn Rhodes, Karen Crabtree, or me to register for the training on April 11. We will continue to watch the numbers, and should a spike happen in our area, we will return to **Church at Home**. **Church at Home and in the Pews** protocols are available on our website at cecbg.com. Please know that if you do not feel comfortable attending in-person services, the live stream at 10am is here to stay. At this time, the Bishop's Pastoral Directive does not allow for anything other than Sunday worship, but as conditions permit, we will be evaluating other Sunday morning and mid-week activities. The office will remain closed until the staff is fully vaccinated, however, we remain available by email and cell phone.

We can't wait to see you back in the Nave, where we can worship God with joy and wonder!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

RESTART PHASES

PHASE 0 APRIL 11

Livestream services continue at 10am

Volunteers to attend an in-person 8am service for training.

As we move toward resuming in-person worship, we will be following these three phases. For phase 0 and 1, our primary service will continue to be the livestream at 10am.

PHASE 1 APRIL 18

Livestream services continue at 10am.

The 8am service opens to parishioners at limited capacity; masks and distancing are still required.

PHASE 2 MAY 2

Both 8am and 10am services open to parishioners at limited capacity; masks and distancing are still required.

Livestream services continue at 10am.

PHASE 3 MAY 23

Both 8am and 10am services open to parishioners at limited capacity for a service of communion; masks and distancing are still required.

Livestream services continue at 10am.