

# Indoor worship at APC

We hope you will consider joining us for indoor worship at APC when you feel comfortable. Here's what you may expect when coming to the Russell Road building.

## APC Safety Protocols:

**Seating:** Social distancing and capacity restrictions are lifted, in accordance with Virginia guidelines.

• **Masks:** Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks. Masks are still required for those who are not fully vaccinated (ages 5 and up required, ages 2-4 suggested). And of course any congregants who feel more comfortable in masks should feel free to continue to wear masks and be received warmly by those who do not.

• **RSVPs** are no longer needed to attend worship or Children's Church. RSVPs are still required for nursery in order to manage the load in that unique, small room environment and with our nursery volunteers.

• **Social Distancing Section.** In order to care for people of varying comfort and preference levels, particularly in this time of transition, a section of pews in the Sanctuary will be reserved as a Social Distancing Section. Masks and social distancing will be required in this area, and is open for anyone regardless of vaccination status. Blue tape on the pew ends of this section will indicate where you may sit. *It was determined that the safest location for this Section is in the back of the Sanctuary on the left side (nearest to the parking lot) because it provides the best protection from air droplets and allows the ability to enter/exit the room easily.*

• **Children's Ministry:** Volunteers and workers who are serving in the Children's Ministry (nursery and Children's Church) must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.

• **CFGs** may decide how they will proceed in terms of their comfort level as a group, while adhering to CDC and state guidelines.

• We must exit the building immediately after the service so that DRB can begin preparations for their worship service. Conversations may be taken either to the front lawn or across the street to the Alexandria Country Day School. APC service attendees need to move their vehicles from the parking lot no later than 10:30am.

• Please refer to CDC guidance about when to quarantine or isolate to avoid transmitting COVID-19 to others.

APC's desire is to honor God in all we do—in the way we worship, the way we love one another, and the way we honor and respect our community. We trust congregants to follow these guidelines out of care for one another and ask for your flexibility as we continue to monitor and make adjustments as needed. This has been a challenging year with many twists and turns. And yet our God has remained faithful each step of the way, and we give thanks for His merciful protection. Please join us in continuing to seek His guidance and wisdom as we enter this next phase of life together.