

Watch for a closing message from Father Dave, next week and pray for his family as they pack and prepare for the move.

With love and blessings,

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The Good News

July 17, 2020



Continuing Worship Guidance

*St. Matthew's is authorized to have 40 individuals present at any given service.*

**With this new information we will be returning to our regular, or normal, schedule Sunday morning. There is no need to make reservations for these services.**

**For the near future, coffee hour must take place outside, and is tough to plan on short notice. A short fellowship time will take place outside following the service.**

**The guidance regarding masking and singing (below) still holds.**

1. All are reminded to take their own health issues into consideration when deciding whether to attend. Also, stay home if you have any symptoms that are not associated with a chronic health issue.

2. Most services will be spoken/read services. A cantor is allowed to sing, but congregants are asked to refrain.

3. All individuals who are in the building must maintain physical distance and have a face covering, unless actively leading a portion of the service.

4. Each service will have color coded seats in the Nave. Families are allowed to sit together.

5. Only the restrooms in the addition will be available for use.

**6. The 10AM service will continue to be streamed "live" on Facebook. If you are uncomfortable being in the worship space and still wish to commune, communion will still be available via the "drive-through" for 30 minutes after the service. It is expected that "drive-through" communion will not continued to be offered after the 28 of June.**

Current Schedule for the week:

**Sunday 7:30AM Rite I Holy Eucharist**

**10:00AM Rite II Holy Eucharist (also streamed)**

**Thursday**

**7:30 AM Morning Prayer with Holy Communion**

**July 19th, the 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11):**

**Sunday Eucharist Outline is [here](#).**

**Full Service is [here](#).**

*Added Note: Please bring your own printed copy, or electronic device from home to avoid cross contamination in the Nave.*

Both bulletins have the music included, so there is no need to touch the hymnals.

**Worship on July 26th**

**This will be Fr. Dave's last Sunday at St. Matthew's. There will be a 7:30AM service on this day, but no 10AM service.**

**On Sunday afternoon, the Bishop will celebrate a service of Confirmation and Pastoral Leave-taking at 4:30PM. Fr. Dave will be the preacher at this service, and it will be streamed.**

Following the service, there will be a brief (socially distanced) reception for Fr. Dave. All are invited.

**Outreach Opportunities  
ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH**

**A Big Thank You for your support of Advent! We have received confirmation that his funds arrived and school is in progress.**

**Mark Your Calendar**

A wedding shower for Emily Lavikoff and Roger Ayers is being planned for Saturday, July 18th, at 3 PM. Everyone is invited. For questions, please call Dianne Wunderle (660-9653) or Shelley Brenneeman Carter (275-3183).

**The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:  
[Good News Daily](#)

**Worship Serving Schedule**

As noted above in the Phase III Reopening/Recovery article: all servers volunteer directly with Fr. Dave for the masses on Sunday.

We will resume traditional scheduling as events allow.

Thank you again, and may God bless you.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries July 19 - 25**

[Anniversaries](#)

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Rose Adams

Julie Cooper

Deacon Tim Leighton

**Dedications for this week:**

*The Memorial Candle is lit  
In loving memory of  
Phyllis Jean Feaster, by her son, Morris*

**7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 19th**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church