

Grace Episcopal Church

Indoor Service Procedures & Policies

We are very excited to be returning to in person services of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. Please call (803) 432-7621 us or send an email office@gracechurchcamden.org to let us know that you are attending.

- All participants must wear face masks
- When you arrive at church we ask that you be patient and remain 6 feet apart on the sidewalks as you wait for the ushers who will seat you.
- The ushers will be seating families and individuals one at a time. You will not be able to choose your pew, so sitting in that regular old spot is highly unlikely.
- The sanctuary will be the only building open.
- We ask that once you have been seated you remain seated (except in the case of an emergency).
- You will be required to wear your mask for the entirety of the service.

If you are feeling sick, please do not attend these services. As a show of your concern for all people, please take your temperature before attending. If you have preexisting health conditions, please do not attend.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't we use the bathrooms?

I know this is inconvenient. The issue is not with the bathrooms themselves but rather our ability to control entrance points, maintain social distancing, and sanitizing between services. On a conference call with the House of Bishops, Dr. Fauci stressed the importance of entry and exit procedures. The historical architecture of our beautiful church makes movement and the ability to maintain safe distances during the service extremely difficult. If we open our bathrooms, determining priority points for sanitization will be extremely difficult. Many of you have mentioned your ability to use bathrooms at stores and restaurants. We are under a much stricter set of protocols than those establishments and must take care to follow them.

Why is there no formation?

Formation is coming. It is coming very soon. There will be options for all ages. They will, of course, look very different than we are accustomed to.

Is my preferred service time disappearing forever?

No. Services such as the Wednesday night healing service and the Sunday Morning 8AM service will return in time.

Why are we having a Saturday night service instead of two Sunday morning services?

It is recommended that we allow the church time to circulate fresh air between occupancy. Spreading the service out by 12+ hours gives us a safer window to do this. It also gives us more time to sanitize high traffic touch points properly.

I thought Saturday night services were only for Catholic churches?

You are Catholic! Anglo-catholic! And Saturday night services are for everybody! Some of you may enjoy the ability to worship, have a family supper, and sleep in Sunday morning. Give it a try you may be surprised. When Barbara plays these services you will be introduced to a whole new part of the hymnal and beautiful music that was written specifically for common worship in the evening.

Why can't we sing?

We will sing together again! In the meantime, this was another policy stressed by health experts. Barbara will be exploring the use of soloists, duets, and instrumentalists for your listening pleasure.