



**Russell Silverton Wider Parish**

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***Greetings in Christ,***

Moses and the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before entering the promised land. We've only been wandering outside our sanctuaries for 18 months, not near as long but still a difficult and painful journey. I am happy to report that our journey is about to enter a new phase, in-person services will resume on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am in Silverton and 11:00am in Russell.

Attached is a list of Covid-19 protocols that everyone will need to follow. No set of protocols can keep anyone 100% safe and you will need to decide for yourself if attending in person is the right option for you. We will continue to offer the option of attending worship via Zoom, however the time will shift from 10:00am to 11:00am. The Zoom ID and Passcode will be the same. Meeting ID: 480 466 178 Passcode: 671470

As we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic, I am delighted that we can resume worshipping together in person. It has been a difficult 18 months, and we are all carrying scars. I pray that the wounds opened by Covid-19 might heal. I pray that those who are mourning, may be comforted. I pray for healing, for each one of you, and for our world.

The thought of being together again brings joy to my heart. I look forward to seeing some of you on Sunday morning.

If you have concerns or would like a pastoral visit, please contact me on my cell 204-821-5442 or at the office 204-773-2071 or via email [peacefullonedh@gmail.com](mailto:peacefullonedh@gmail.com)

***Blessings, Rev. David***

# **Russell Silvertown Wider Parish Re-Opening Protocol**

**Please remember that there is no safe re-opening policy that will protect you 100%.**

**You will need to make your own decision about attending based on the information provided below.**

**Current government regulations limit the number of people in the building at 50% of maximum capacity.**

- If you are feeling unwell or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, we ask that you please stay home.
- At Knox, on Sunday morning please use the main entrance unless you require the elevator.
- It is highly recommended that all those entering the building be double vaccinated, although we will not be requiring proof.
- Masks are to be worn at all times while in the building.
- Social distancing policies require that you keep a distance of 6 feet between household groups.
- All those who enter the building will be required to use the hand sanitizer provided at the entrance.
- You will be asked to provide your contact information upon entrance to the building.
- In lieu of passing a collection plate during the service, you may drop your collection on the plate at the back of the church upon entry.
- An usher will help identify appropriate seating for you and your family.
- Singing has been identified as a high risk activity, so at this time we ask that you refrain from singing. There will be a designated singer and we encourage you to quietly hum or clap along.
- Ushers will be there to assist you with leaving the building in order to respect social distancing.
- Safe Communion guidelines are being developed so that once again we will be able to share the body of Christ.
- Covid-19 Cleaning protocols and guidelines will be observed.

**Your co-operation in helping us follow these guidelines is appreciated!!**