Frequently Asked Questions:

Please see our list of frequently asked questions and answers below. If you have any additional questions or concerns please reach out to Christine Hildebrand via email at childebrand@firstcary.com.

When and where will services be held?

Services will be held weekly in the Community Room on Saturday evenings at 5:30pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:00 (First on Chatham) and 10:30 a.m (First Sanctuary). beginning weekend of May 23.

What time should I arrive for worship?

To allow time for worshipers to exit the previous service, please arrive no more than 15 minutes before the service. If you arrive earlier than 15 minutes before your service time, please wait in your car until it is time to enter the Community Room.

Will the shuttle service be available?

The shuttle service will not be available at this time.

Will I need to wear a mask?

Yes, you will be required to wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose at all times while you are inside the building. Disposable masks will be available if you forget to bring one with you.

Will I be able to sit with my family?

Yes, families will be seated together. Our ushers will seat you at a safe distance from other households. At the conclusion of worship, ushers will direct families to exit the Community Room.

Will I be able to choose where I sit?

An usher will seat you ensuring there is ample space between you and other households.

Will the offering plate be passed?

We will not pass an offering plate at this time. We encourage you to give online at firstcary.com/give. However, if you would like to make your offering during worship, you will place it in the designated offering baskets as you exit the Community Room. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Will hand sanitizer be available?

Hand sanitizer will be located throughout the facility.

Will childcare be available?

Childcare availability will be limited for each service for ages 3 and under. We will provide more details in the coming weeks based on guidance from our local health department.

Will online worship continue?

Yes, we will continue to post our services for those who wish to or need to continue to worship with us online. Worship will consist of a mixture of live and pre-recorded elements.

How will the in-person worship experience be different?

You will be invited to recite the Lord's Prayer, and you will be able to make your offering as you exit the service. We will not sing hymns, and we will not pass offering plates. We look forward to continuing to feature videos during the service as we have done throughout the pandemic.

When will Sunday School resume in person?

We anticipate Children's Sunday School will return in person in the fall. Reverend Martha McLean will be working with each Adult Sunday School class over the coming weeks to map out a plan for return to in person gatherings in the near future. Reverend McLean will also be working with Corey Dao-Forrester in evaluating when Youth Sunday School may safely return to in person gatherings.