Things to Know about Online Worship and Outdoor Worship in August

Online Worship

• We record Holy Eucharist with a small group of volunteers every Friday. This service is available on our parish website by Sunday morning.
• Beginning in August, we will consecrate Communion packets for the whole parish during the Friday worship recording. See “Communion Q & A” at the bottom of this page.
• If you would like to volunteer to read or to be a “voice from the congregation” any Friday in August, please contact Dan Larsen: (256)446-5928

Outdoor Worship

• Beginning August 2, we will worship outdoors at 6:00 PM every Sunday.
• Please bring your own camp chair or folding chair and wear a mask. If you do not have a chair or a mask, we will provide one for you. Ushers will greet you upon arrival and will guide your group toward a safely-distanced seating area on the parish house lawn.
• The service will last 35-40 minutes and will consist of readings, instrumental music, a brief homily, and prayers over the pre-consecrated Communion packets.
• What is summer in Alabama without the occasional afternoon storm? If bad weather is imminent, check our Facebook page and website for an update. We are also in the process of setting up a parish phone-tree to contact members by texting or calling.

Communion Q & A

What is a Communion packet? A Communion packet is a small bag containing a 1 oz. bottle of wine and three wafers. These elements were carefully packaged by two members of our altar guild and placed in bags by members our youth group. All helpers wore masks and gloves and worked in our parish hall.

How do I get one? There are three ways to get a Communion packet.

• If you plan on worshiping online at home and would like to receive Communion during the service, you may pick up a packet at the parish office on Friday, 3 PM – 6 PM.
• If you plan on worshiping at home and cannot make it to the parish office during those hours on Friday, contact Lynn by email or phone and to request that a packet be delivered to your home.
• If you will attend Sunday evening outdoor worship, you may pick up a packet at that service.

If you are not able to worship on Sunday and would like to receive Communion later in the week, please contact the parish office and let us know.

How should I receive Communion at home? A card containing guidelines and a prayer is included in each Communion packet.

What about leftovers? Instructions for how to handle extra wafers and wine are on the back of the prayer card. If in doubt, you can always bring your remaining Communion back to the church.

Questions or concerns? Don’t hesitate to contact the parish office (graceoffice1@comcast.net or 256-383-2014) or Rev. Danielle (thomdl80@gmail.com or 931-636-4898).