

September 2021

WELCOME TO IN-PERSON MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING

MASKS: Please wear a **mask** at all times inside the meetinghouse, even if you are vaccinated. If you are led to speak during worship, please leave your mask on. (Children under two do not need to wear a mask.)

PHYSICAL DISTANCING: If you are not fully vaccinated, the CDC also recommends that you maintain a **physical distance** of six feet, both inside and out.

Please do not come if you do not feel well, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.

ATTENDANCE SHEET: Please sign the **attendance sheet** each week, in case we need to do contact tracing. If you are not in the directory, please include contact information.

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID within 7 days of attending meeting for worship, please call the Office Coordinator at 404-377-2474. Your identity will, of course, be kept private.

BLENDED WORSHIP: Thru the end of 2021, we are combining in person and Zoom meeting for a blended worship so that everyone is included.

SMALLER MEETING FOR WORSHIP: If you would like a smaller meeting for worship, please use the library or outside. To hear meeting for worship when outside, you can use our Assistance Listening devices.

CHILDREN IN MEETING: Children can continue to join Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes or can go directly to Religious Education, as they and their parents / guardians prefer.

RESTROOMS: One person at a time in the **restrooms**. Restrooms aren't currently gendered, so just use the next one that's open. Knock and wait outside until one is empty.

SOCIALIZING AFTER MEETING: There will be no **coffee hour** or potluck at this time. You are welcome to socialize after Meeting for Worship, but please bring your own beverage in your own container. (The kitchen and water fountain are still closed.) Since the greeting room is small, please use the space on the patio and lawn as well. Remember that masks should be worn inside the Meetinghouse.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

AFM welcomes families with children of all ages. Our tradition is for all children to join in the large Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes of worship (10:00-10:15). Gathering together as an inter-generational meeting gives children the opportunity to experience open worship among Friends and adults the opportunity to enjoy the richness that children bring to the worship setting.

For the fall, Families are welcome to join Meeting for Worship with their children. At this time AFM religious education will also open the doors to the First Day School [FDS] rooms early so that parents and guardians who do not wish to bring their children into Meeting for Worship may drop them off for childcare from 10:00-10:15 prior to the start of FDS.

A virtual First Day school class for younger ages will continue to be offered via Zoom at 9:30 am for those who are not ready to return to in-person worship. Watch for the link in your email. The teens will meet in person with an option for a blended FDS class from 10:15-11:00. Teens who wish to remain virtual should watch email for a link to Sunday FDS starting in September.

All children over the age of 2 years will be required to wear a mask while in the Meetinghouse and on the grounds.

All nursery caregivers, FDS teachers, and other volunteers in the FDS rooms will be required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.

For further information you may see the "GUIDELINES FOR CHILDCARE AND FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 AT ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING" at <https://tinyurl.com/childcareFDSguidelines>.

If you have questions about First Day school, please contact Laura MacNorlin, clerk of Religious Education (laura.norlin@gmail.com, 404-762-3540).