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Dear Friends,

On Monday, May 17 the Session of St. Giles Presbyterian Church approved a new Mask Policy and recommended we follow the CDC's updated guidelines.

The new mask guidelines are as follows:

"If you are fully vaccinated you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic. Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask. In general people are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series or 2 weeks after a single dose vaccine."

What does this mean going forward?

On Sunday mornings, during worship, if you have been fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is optional. We kindly request that anyone who has not been vaccinated, or anyone who has only received their first dose of the vaccine, continue to wear a mask. While we will still make sure we have the information for possible contact tracing, we will no longer be asking upon arrival if you have been vaccinated nor will we police mask-wearing. We are relying solely on the honor system.

Social distancing will continue in the Sanctuary during worship. We ask that you please continue to sit in spots marked with green tape.

All members and visitors should feel safe on the St. Giles campus. Your safety, health and comfort are a top priority. We realize many people may choose to wear a mask even if they have been vaccinated. We understand and will continue to emphasize mask wearing is optional and up to the individual based on their comfort, and we encourage everyone to honor and respect each other's choices and refrain from 'mask-shaming.' Sadly, this is a word that has become a part of our language.

We know the last year has been very hard on all of us. As many members and visitors slowly begin to return to worship, it is our goal to encourage love, kindness, and respect as we all choose to do what makes us most comfortable.

Please feel free to contact the Covid-19 Task Force with questions.

Thank you,

Tim Wilson, Chair, Rev. Jessi Higginbotham, Jason Bridges, Irene Cheatum, and Lydia Fiquette