

Guidelines for resuming in-person worship*

- First, we are going to ask that while you are entering and worshipping, you wear a mask. We ask that you bring a mask with you, but we will also have masks available for people who forget. This will help keep everyone safe. We are also going to ask that you use hand sanitizer when you enter and when you leave. We have a pump at the back, but you are also welcome to bring and use your own.
- We will also go without bulletins and remove Bibles and hymnals from the pews. Copies of the study notes will be emailed out (and available upon request). If you would like to use a Bible or a hymnal, you can take one from the back, and it will be yours to take and use during the duration of the current guidelines.
- You will also notice that every other pew is taped off. This is to help us with social distancing and staying six-feet apart from others who are not members of our families. In the back pew, there is a piece of tape which will help you gauge what six-feet looks like. We are going to ask that you sit in the pews that aren't taped off and you spread at least six feet from the others around you (who are not members of your family).
- One of the other major changes to our worship style will be how we receive offerings. When you come to church, I would encourage you to bring your offering down front to the altar with the offering plate. If you prefer, you can also do this as you prepare to leave the church, as there will also be an offering plate at the back door.
- Our worship service will also be shorter (30-40 minutes). It has been recommended that we limit how much we sing, so we are going to reduce our praise songs and hymns. We aren't going to eliminate singing completely, but we will most likely only sing one or two songs during our service.
- While we want you to be able to greet others, we ask that you keep conversations limited while in the sanctuary. The more interactions we can have while we are outside, the safer we will be. We are also going to ask that everyone be mindful of social distancing in their interactions with others. We all have different levels of comfort, and the last thing we want to do is to make anyone uncomfortable, even if that is unintentional.
- For this time, we are also suspending our Clubhouse/Nursery for kids. We will still have a children's story (kids will remain in their seats for this), but we ask that kids stay with their parents at all times during this time. If your child needs to use the bathroom, please go with them when they exit the sanctuary.
- We are also suspending fellowship time after church. While we love being together and connecting, we are going to ask that as much as possible, you have extended conversations with others outside the church building and maintain distancing.

- Even when we gather in person, we are still going to stream our worship service, and expect to see a number of people from our congregation and other visitors watch services online. If you choose to worship with us online, please know we are still your church family and you still play a vital role in our church. Let's work together to make sure no one feels pressured or bad about whatever decision they make in regards to how they worship with us, be it in person, or online.

*Prior to our first service and following each worship service, the sanctuary, and all common use areas will be cleaned and disinfected. I've already had a number of people contact me and volunteer to help with this process, so we will not have an issue with making this happen.