

REOPENING GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Until the virus has run its course, church life will be different and we will each be inconvenienced. We regret this reality and ask that patience and grace be shown to one another.
2. We will give priority to the welfare of the most vulnerable over the least vulnerable.
3. We will adhere to the guidelines provided by government medical officials (CDC).
4. We will strive diligently to maintain the unity of the Spirit within the church.

IMPLEMENTED COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Building

- “Touch points” will be sanitized before and after the service (e.g. door handles, sink faucet handles, etc.)
- Common touch points will be will also be sanitized throughout the week.
- Hand sanitizing stations and dispensers have been placed throughout the building.
- Signage is posted (COVID-19 symptoms, self-protection, CDC current recommendations)

Minimizing Sunday Touchpoints

- There will be no Sunday bulletins.
- Where feasible, doors will be propped open.
- We will not be passing offering plates or bags. There will be an offering box available in the sanctuary entryway. You can also give online or drop off your offering in the church office.
- On communion Sundays, we will use individual pre-packaged communion kits that can be picked up as people enter the sanctuary.

Other Sunday Preventative Measures

- We will limit (though not eliminate) singing once we enter Phase 2 with masks being encouraged.
- Face masks will be encouraged throughout the service time & disposable masks will be available. You are encouraged to bring your own mask if you have one.
- Chairs will be removed from the Sonroom in order to meet social distancing requirements (inside fellowship times are temporarily suspended).
- We will limit chairs in the Fireplace Room to those meeting social distancing requirements.
- We will rope off every other pew in the sanctuary and balcony and designate appropriate pew seating areas.
- Note: alternating 6 ft strips of blue tape in the middle of some downstairs pews, and 3 ft. strips on the ends of other pews will designate “no sitting” areas. Balcony restricted seating areas will also be marked.
- There will be no hand shaking or hugs.
- We will strive to keep worship services to under 1 hour.

Midweek Activities

- Group sizes will be limited to meet social distancing guidelines.
- Adequate time will be allowed between events to wipe down touch points after each meeting/gathering.
- Social distancing will be encouraged in all areas of the church.
- We will eliminate tables (unless configured to meet social distancing guidelines).
- Meetings/gatherings should be kept to 1 hour or less.
- People are encouraged to wear masks in meetings/gatherings.

While we anticipate an eventual easing of all the current restrictions, we deeply appreciate your patience and understanding as we strive to create a worshiping environment that is welcoming to all.