

Those who are ready to return to worship this Sunday/Monday, here is what you need to know:

Your attendance is a great encouragement that is beneficial to your spiritual health, the spiritual health of those around you, and beneficial to the world (Hebrews 10:24-25, Colossians 3:16-17, 2 John 1:12, 1 Timothy 2:1-6). At the same time, we expect you to consider both your physical health and the physical health of those around you as you decide whether to attend (5th Commandment). There is no promise from God that you cannot get sick while attending church. In matters of health, we should trust the Lord without testing the Lord (Matthew 6:25-34, Luke 4:12). Please also respect the faith-guided decisions of those who make different decisions than you would (Romans 14:22-23).

① We expect you to take common precautions, like practicing good hygiene and social distancing. Please refrain from attending if you have any symptoms of COVID-19. We will leave the choice of wearing a facemask up to you, which means you can expect that there will be people both with/without facemasks in attendance. A few masks will be available in case you forget yours and want to wear one. Please do not come too early to the 9:15 or 10:30 services as we need to usher out the attendees from the service ahead of that.

② We will enter through the church doors only. These will be propped open or held open, depending on weather. **GREETERS**, we ask you to arrange for this. If you have to open the door, stand behind it when it is open to provide the full entry to be used and to provide a shield between you and the worshiper.

③ We will pick up our own bulletin and sermon copy and take them home with us (do not return them to the table, please). Currently, the projector is not working properly, so having a bulletin may be very important.

④ Every other row will be marked to indicate where to sit depending on the service you attend. Please observe these signs so we can properly social distance. Every other pew will be cleaned in between services. Sit at the ends of each pew, up to five people on each side. This allows for a large space between families/individuals in the same pew. We can easily accommodate 200 people at one service if we follow seating instructions. (If everything worked out well, we would like to see about 100+ people at each).

⑤ Pastors will usher out from a distance. Please follow their guidance. All will exit through the school entrance doors. As you exit the sanctuary through the side doors, please check your mailbox quickly and take with you anything in there. Please continue down the school hallway and out the school entrance doors. If you wish to visit (why wouldn't you?), please wait until you are outside to do so. If the weather is uncooperative, find an out-of-the-way space to talk in order to keep traffic flowing and maintaining social distance in the hallways.

⑥ The use and cleaning of the bathrooms may cause some challenges. Please try to use the restroom before you come to worship. The Mother's Room will be available during worship, but the toys are removed.

⑦ The offering plates will not be passed. The offering box will be placed at the door to collect your gifts for Jesus.

⑧ The Christian Center and the lower level will not be used in order to contain the areas that need to be cleaned.

⑨ Holy Communion will be offered Sunday and Monday. Please register with the white card in the hymnal rack and put it at the end of the pew you sit in. This will alert the ushers to which seats were used and they will pick up the cards afterwards. There will not be a registration table. To limit contact, we will distribute by "continuous flow". Communicants will come forward (separated by six feet unless family members) to receive the bread in the palm of the hand at one station in front of the steps and then to receive the individual cup (no common cup will be offered) at another station in front of the steps. A blessing will be given at the end to the entire congregation. Pastors and assistants will wear gloves and masks when they distribute communion. As always, if you come to worship and do not wish to commune, that is certainly your thoughtful, prayerful decision to make.

If you are sick, if you are more vulnerable, if you are concerned it is too early or we have not taken enough precautions, then please stay home and enjoy the service streamed live or archived as you have been doing the past weeks. If you desire to worship with us at home at this time, God bless you in that decision. If you desire to worship with us in person, God bless you in that decision.