

Worship Service Procedures

Before Service:

- ❖ Please stay home if you are ill, or showing symptoms of Covid-19. *Likewise*, if someone in your household is ill, please stay home.
- ❖ Wash your hands often.
- ❖ The Sanctuary will be cleansed/disinfected between services.

Entrance to Church and Greeting:

- ❖ Please wear a mask.
- ❖ The doors to the church will be propped open for touchless entry.
- ❖ We will not have greeters or ushers.
- ❖ Please limit your visiting in the narthex, but feel more welcome to briefly greet one another outside before or after worship.
- ❖ Elders will be available for assistance if needed, and have masks.

Seating in the church:

- ❖ Every other pew will be taped off.
- ❖ Please sit at the outside ends of the pews with your own family, not in the middle; a couple strips of tape in the center of each pew will set off a social distance space.
- ❖ We anticipate seating for approximately 150. Additional seating will be available in the narthex.
- ❖ Please do not sit in the balcony.

Precautions taken during the church service:

- ❖ We have learned that singing significantly increases the risk of spreading the virus. Therefore, we ask that you sing softly, or to yourself. When available, musicians will participate from the balcony to enhance our music.
- ❖ We will not pass offering plates during worship; please use the plates in the entry, or continue using online giving, or mail delivery.

Procedure for Holy Communion:

- ❖ Your pastors thoroughly wash their hands prior to each worship service. They will also sanitize their hands immediately prior to the consecration and distribution.
- ❖ Distribution will take place in a walk-through manner. Come forward from your pew single file down the center aisle. Keep the six-foot space when not with a family member. Pastors will be standing several feet apart from each other waiting to serve each person as they walk up and through. We will not kneel.
- ❖ Worshipers on the lectern side of the church will partake first, then the pulpit side.
- ❖ Pastors will not speak “take and eat” or “take and drink” to each individual person. They will say those words to each side of the congregation just prior to their coming forward.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available for people after depositing their communion cup in the bowl.

Procedure for dismissal:

- ❖ After worship, please dismiss yourselves, and be gracious toward others with respect to safe-distancing.
- ❖ Pastors will not be shaking hands.
- ❖ Greetings with one another are best suited outside in the parking lot (fresh air).
- ❖ Please take your church bulletins home.

Livestream Worship Will Continue:

- ❖ Our Livestreaming efforts have received a tremendously positive response, in spite of our continuing to work out kinks and bugs.
- ❖ We intend to continue to improve the audio/visual quality.
- ❖ We will continue to provide this livestreaming means of hearing the Word. Beginning May 31, Livestream begins at 8:00AM. Of course, once posted, the service can be viewed at any time. It will also be posted on the Bulletins – Sermons page under the Resources tab on our website.