

Indoor Worship Frequently Asked Questions

What will worship look like?

- We will have a simple, meaningful service with a full sermon, but the service will look different.
- To help maintain safe distancing, we will not be using an acolyte, liturgist or offering ushers.
- There will be some live instrumental music, but no live vocal music will be performed. There will be no corporate singing. Some music will be pre-recorded.
- There will be no congregational responses, such as corporate prayer, including the Lord's Prayer.
- There will be a SmallTalk message, but children must stay with their families until invited forward.
- Children's Church will be offered. Children will be required to wear masks and family units will be seated 6 feet apart during Children's Church.
- Busy Bags will not be provided for those staying in the service. You are welcome to bring your own (see suggestions below.)
- Offering plates will be available at the back of the Worship Center in which to place your contribution, but the offering plates will not be passed.
- Communion will be part of the service on the first Sunday of the month, but we ask that you bring your own elements (see below for more details). Please do not share communion elements between families.
- Services will be shortened to allow sufficient time for cleaning in between.

What else can I expect?

- Greeters will be recording the family names and phone numbers as people arrive for contact tracing purposes. Please be patient and ready to offer your name and phone number.
- The nursery will not be available at this time.
- To help ensure safe distancing, every other row of chairs will be roped off. Please sit only in the open rows. In your row, please leave 3 empty chairs between your party and the next.
- When seating yourself, please fill in the center of the row first, so others do not have to pass in front of you to get to the open seats. Once you are seated, please remain seated, except to use the restroom. If having difficulty finding a place to sit that is properly distanced, please ask an usher for assistance.
- The service will last approximately 45 minutes. Please do not arrive before 8:25 for the 8:45 service and 10:40 for the 11:00 service. Restrooms will be open to one person/family at a time. Each family is asked to wipe down all surfaces touched with a Clorox wipe before exiting the restroom.
- Ushers will dismiss the congregation one row at a time at the end of the service. Please remain seated until your row is dismissed. Plan to exit the building immediately after your row is dismissed.
- There will be no food or beverages offered, but you may bring your own lidded beverage.
- If you would like to catch up with people, please do so at a safe distance outside the building.
- Please be considerate of the safety of all others in attendance. We all have different levels of comfort with regathering. Our hope is that no one will leave our service feeling they have not been safe.
- Touchpoints (door handles, restrooms, etc.) will be wiped down between services.

Are masks required?

- Masks will be required at all times inside the building.
- The pastor will also wear a mask except when speaking. The Worship Center will be set up with extra distance between the pastor and the congregation.

Are reservations required?

- At this time, no reservations are required. If we approach our COVID capacity of 100 per service, reservations will be reconsidered.

What should I bring?

- Face masks (required at all times inside the building and when unable to maintain 6 feet distance outdoors)
- Your own beverage with a lid (mask on between sips)
- Your own "Busy Bags" for your children (suggested items: coloring book, crayons, small quiet toys)
- Your own communion elements (whatever you have; please no alcohol; do not share with others; first Sunday of each month)

What else should I think about?

- Please do not attend worship or any other activity at the church if you or anyone in your household are currently ill or have been exposed to COVID in the past 14 days.
- Please use the restroom at home before coming to worship to minimize the restroom traffic at the church.

Is this a weekly event?

- Weekly indoor worship will continue for as long as allowed by the Bishop and safety guidelines are being followed.
- A sufficient number of volunteers will be needed each week to be able to offer worship services.