

## **Protocol for Worshipping in Person 2021**



We will have a sign up for each worship service through SignUpGenius, or by calling the church office.

Sign-up sheet and office personnel will remind all guests: masks required for those age 5 and older, remain social distanced, and hand sanitize before entering the sanctuary. Also, we ask if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, had a recent positive diagnosis, or have recently been in contact with a known exposure that you do not sign up and stay home to watch the live stream service.

On Sunday, those who have signed up will enter the building through the parking lot door. A volunteer will be guiding you into the building upon your arrival, socially distanced with other guests.

Guests will be greeted by a volunteer checking you in, giving out nametags, making sure you are wearing a mask in the correct manner covering both your mouth and nose, and welcoming you to worship. If someone is unwilling or unable to comply, they will be asked to leave and be reminded that they can watch the worship service online.

Guests will then move to the communion table for worship supplies (communion kit, child's bag, etc.) and sanitize before entering the sanctuary, under the direction of the ushers. Reminders to be socially distanced will be clearly marked on the floor. When all are here and seated, we will sanitize the narthex and entryway.

As guests enter the sanctuary, an usher will help you find a seat, reminding you we will not be singing out loud.

After worship, we will dismiss those sitting in the north section of the sanctuary first, back to front as directed by the section usher out the north sanctuary doors to the parking lot. The middle section will be dismissed next, and the south section last. By exiting directly to the parking lot, we are ensuring people are not gathering inside the building.

The pastors will be connecting with guests outside the parking lot doors.

The parking lot and church doors will be closed and sanitized after worship.

All volunteers will be masked, try to remain social distanced, and sanitizing hands often.

All hymnals, papers, Bibles may be taken out of the sanctuary, if it becomes necessary.

When the nursery re-opens: Attendant will be masked, no soft items will be out for playing. Children under 5 will not be required to wear a mask. Those over 5 and over will be required to wear a mask. After worship, the toys will all be cleaned and all surfaces sanitized.

The restrooms will be open to use, asking to try to limit only one person at a time in each restroom. Bathrooms will be sanitized after worship services.

We will continue to reevaluate our plans as COVID statistics change.