

### Green-Phase Worship Information

As we worship during the green phase, it is important that we remember that green does not mean that the pandemic is over. We must continue to be vigilant in practicing behaviors that will decrease the risk as much as possible. As was the case when we moved to the yellow phase, we are asking everyone to continue to be cooperative and understanding as we live into different ways of being church together.

We plan to have 2 services each Sunday. The first will be held in the sanctuary at 9:00am and will also be live streamed to Facebook and posted to YouTube. The second will be, weather permitting, held outside at 10:30am on the church lawn.

In all decision making, we would encourage you to continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and state and local recommendations around safety. If you are feeling unwell or have reason to believe that you may have been exposed to the virus, please stay home. If you are in the higher risk groups (age or other health conditions), please do not feel pressed to come before you are ready. Our services each week will continue to be streamed online and we will be glad to continue to mail CDs and DVDs to all who wish to receive them. These past months of quarantine have taught us that we can and will continue to find new ways to be the church in the best possible ways. We know that whether we are physically gathered or scattered, our faith community and our love of God remains strong!

#### **If you're planning to come to the first service:**

Please use the doors leading into the rear of the narthex. They will be propped open or someone will be there to open them for you to avoid touching of handles.

We will be asking all who worship indoors to stop to have their temperature checked prior to entering the sanctuary. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4° will not be able to enter & would be encouraged to contact their medical professional.

Everyone attending worship in an indoor space will be required to wear a well-fitting mask. While we would encourage you to bring your own, disposable masks will be on hand for anyone who needs one. Pastors & soloists will maintain safe distances and remove their mask while speaking / singing so that their words aren't muffled.

Pews will be roped off in the sanctuary. Of course, families may sit together, but we will have areas spaced out to provide safe distances. There will be people on hand to help direct you as you arrive.

Indoor worship will be limited to 50% of the church capacity & require a minimum of 6' of social distancing between families. Based on the size of our sanctuary we have about 30 spots for families or individuals to sit. Our best guess is that with a mixture of individuals, couples, and families, we could expect to have around 70-80 people in the sanctuary at one time.

We will continue to have video feeds to other parts of the church in case overflow seating is needed.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer childcare in the nursery. Children are definitely welcome, but will have to stay with their families.

We will not be passing offering plates or communion elements. Instead, there will be a basket as you enter/leave to collect an offering. On communion Sundays, we will ask worshippers to bring their own elements and will have a supply of individually wrapped elements for anyone who needs them.

We will be using the TV screens for the liturgy. Please feel free to use your tablet or phone to download a copy if you prefer or print a copy of the service from our website. Some printed copies will be available for those without access to the internet. Rest assured that we will make sure that everyone can join in!

Congregational singing is not possible during the green phase as the act of singing increases the amount of air leaving our lungs and, in turn, increases the risk of spreading virus. Instead, we will have one or more soloists singing each of the hymns from a safe distance.

Windows will be open and the HVAC fans will be running throughout the service to provide maximum airflow.

Bathrooms will be available in the narthex. We will have extra precautions in place such as conveniently placed paper towels and trash cans so that you don't have to touch handles/faucets with bare hands. Sanitizer will also be located outside of each bathroom so that you can have an added layer of protection.

**Things to know if you're planning to come to the second service (10:30am):**

We will be holding the service on the church lawn. Please plan appropriately by bringing lawn chairs / blankets / sunscreen / hats.

In the event of rain, we will not be able to hold a second service. Please join us from home or consider worshipping with others that you frequently have close contact.

A few cars could be parked close to the grass if you would like to listen from your car. Please use other parking spots if you plan to sit on the lawn.

Well-fitting masks are strongly encouraged, but not absolutely required as long as safe distances are maintained. While we would encourage you to bring your own, disposable masks will be on hand for anyone who needs one. Pastors & soloists will maintain safe distances and remove their mask while speaking / singing so that their words aren't muffled.

Spots to sit as individuals or families will be spaced out. There will be people on hand to help direct you as you arrive.

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Please feel free to use your tablet or phone to download a copy of the service from our website. WiFi has been extended so that it can be accessed from the church lawn. Some printed copies will be available for those without access to the internet. Rest assured that we will make sure that everyone can join in!

Congregational singing is not possible during the green phase, even outside, as the act of singing increases the amount of air leaving our lungs and, in turn, increases the risk of spreading virus. Instead, we will have one or more soloists singing each of the hymns from a safe distance.

Bathrooms will be available through the doors closest to the church office. We will have extra precautions in place such as conveniently placed paper towels and trash cans so that you don't have to touch handles/faucets with bare hands. Sanitizer will also be located outside of each bathroom so that you can have an added layer of protection.

## Green-Phase Use of Church Information

If you are a part of a committee or group that frequently uses the church, we will have some availability for you to meet during the green phase. Below are the guidelines that we have developed.

### Stay Vigilant About Safety

All groups using the facility will need to ensure that they are following best practices around contact precautions, mask wearing, social distancing, etc. Groups that can meet via online methods are strongly encouraged to continue to do so.

### Make a Reservation

Groups must reserve a space with our church office and limit their use of the building to that specific space and adjoining bathrooms. Spaces will be available on a first come first serve basis. No groups will be allowed to meet that have not made specific arrangements.

### Available Days / Rooms

We would encourage most groups to meet on Wednesdays if possible. Some spaces may be available on Mondays and Thursdays as well. The Sunday school rooms will require special permission to use. Preferred rooms to use are the sanctuary, lounge, social room, and conference room. Here is a day by day breakdown...

- **Sunday** – No Reservations can be made. Social room, conference room, lounge, etc are held for overflow worship spaces
- **Monday** – Spaces that were not used on Sunday would be available.
- **Tuesday** – No reservations can be made. This is the day cleaning occurs.
- **Wednesday** – Best day to meet. All spaces are available.
- **Thursday** – Spaces that were not used on Wednesday are available.
- **Friday** – No reservations can be made. This is the day cleaning occurs.
- **Saturday** – No reservations can be made without special permission

### Cleaning

After a space has been used by a group, it will not be made available to be used by a different group until it has been professionally cleaned and sanitized by the company we have contracted. At present, the company will be cleaning twice a week, which is why available days are limited.

Groups are certainly welcome to wipe down surfaces but are not required to do so. If cleaning, please be mindful of the cleaners that you are using to ensure that wood and other surfaces are not damaged.