

Guidelines for COVID-19 limited In-House Worship:

Capacity and Advanced Seat Registration:

- No more than 100 people in attendance for any worship service. This number includes pastors, workers, and volunteers.
- Worshippers must register online or by phone by the Friday preceding the weekend of worship. Deadline is 3 pm. Each worshipper must be individually named while registering in advance.
- Once capacity is met per service, unregistered late comers will be asked to either, return at a later service, or worship online at home.
- Worship services will continue to be webcast live online on Saturday @ 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.

Check-in Procedure:

- Everyone is required to bring their own mask or face covering, which must be worn while in the building.
- Each person will be temperature scanned to ensure there is no fever above 100.4 degrees, and will need to answer a short list of health questions. If the scanning indicates a reading above this threshold, that person and any household family members accompanying them will not be allowed into the building, and asked to worship online at home.
- Upon entry into the building, each person must sanitize their hands, and proceed to the check in desk inside to give the person their name to update the registration list. This record keeping will ensure that tracing measures are put in place in accordance with CDC guidelines. This way, we have a record of who registered, and who actually attended in case someone develops COVID symptoms.
- Attendees will proceed directly through the Fellowship Hall corridor, up the ramp to the Narthex to be seated in the Nave by an Usher / Elder.
- The Fellowship Hall wall will be closed. No coffee and snacks will be given. No time of fellowship before or after the service inside the building. Fellowship may occur in the parking lot while maintaining proper social distance.
- An Usher will be at one the Fellowship Hall doors to allow controlled access to the bathroom in Fellowship Hall. One person per gender allowed in each bathroom at one time.
- Pastors and greeters will line the pathway toward the Narthex to greet and welcome people as they arrive.
- Greeting will be done verbally with proper social distance. No physical contact during greeting. No handshaking. No hugging.

Seating:

- The pews will be marked off to ensure proper social distancing.
- Attendees will enter the Nave down the center aisle and exit out the side aisles after worship. People may exit the center aisle during worship to go to the bathroom.
- Worshippers will be able to sit together by Household / family groups.
- We will encourage only sitting or standing, and no kneeling. This helps reduce cleaning time.
- Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the pew racks. People will be encouraged to bring their own bible. This helps reduce cleaning time.
- Worshippers will be required to wear masks or face coverings during worship, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion.

Worship:

- Since worshippers will be wearing face masks / coverings during service, the length of worship will be targeted to be 40-45 minutes in length.
- Worshippers will be encouraged to sing and speak, as normal practice, as part of the worship service.
- During worship, pastors will remove their face mask / covering while leading worship and preaching, in order to ensure they can be heard. This is acceptable because the pastors will be standing in the Chancel area, which exceeds the proper social distance requirement.
- Pastors will wear their mask or face covering during Communion celebration and distribution.
- Communion distribution will occur after the benediction is given at the end of worship. One station on each side of the aisle at the chancel steps. Ushers will dismiss from the pew by family group / section starting at the first row, working toward the back.
- Worshippers will receive packaged communion elements. Pastor will speak Words of our Lord. Worshipper will move over ten feet toward side aisle to partake of communion at chancel steps.
- Empty containers will be discarded in the normal disposal box along the side aisle on the way out.
- Worshippers will then leave the sanctuary down the side aisle and out of building through the main entrance.
- Pastors will bring communion to those unable to come forward to the chancel steps.
- No pastoral greeting line afterwards.
- Attendees may fellowship in the parking lot after worship while maintain proper social distancing.
- Announcements are available for pick-up as you leave. Stop at the outside table located at the Main Entrance.