

February 18, 2021

Dear Congregation,

The day we have looked forward to with great anticipation is finally here! We will be returning to limited in-person worship on Sunday, February 28, at 11:00 a.m. As was outlined in the letter that we sent you in late October, we feel it is appropriate to worship together in our sanctuary now that Jefferson County is back at level “yellow” on the COVID dial.

This, of course, does not mean that life has returned to “normal” (whatever that is!) or that we will let our guard down in our vigilance to help keep our community safe from COVID 19. For this reason, our worship service will look quite different as we return to our building. Based on Church Board discussions and recommendations from our community and Jefferson County, we have established the following guidelines:

1. As we begin re-entering our sanctuary for indoor services, **we will seat no more than 20 people (excluding worship crew) for a worship service.** That number will be re-evaluated as conditions improve. We ask that you please **pre-register each week by Wednesday evening by calling 720-863-8187.** We will need to know your name, how many people will be in your party, and by which door you wish to enter (either the main south doors or the east side handicap access doors). Due to limited seating, reservations will be taken in the order they are received.
2. Temperatures will be taken upon entry to the building and extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available. For safety and for the consideration of your fellow worshipers, we ask that **everyone (including those who have been vaccinated) wear a mask while in the building and practice social distancing by remaining in their assigned seats.**
3. Each person or group will enter through either the main doors (south entrance) or the handicap-access doors (east doors) and will exit through that same door following the service and after receiving communion. An usher will escort each person or group from their chosen entry door to and from designated, socially-distanced locations in the sanctuary. Social congregating and visiting should be limited to the outdoors.
4. Service times will be no more than 45 minutes so as to limit exposure time indoors.
5. Doors will be open for pre-registered guests at 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning, and an usher will meet you at your door so that you may be seated.
6. All classrooms in the hallway, including the teen area and “gathering place,” will be closed off. **Our nursery and bathrooms will remain open with limited occupancy. No coffee or donuts will be served.**
7. As always, if you do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship, **our Facebook Livestream will remain active so you can join us in worship from your home.** In addition, if you feel sick or have been exposed to COVID 19, please remain at home for the recommended quarantine time of 14 days.

In addition, all other in-person activities will resume the first week in March, including ladies Bible study, teen group, and any other small groups. Please be mindful of social distancing and wearing masks during these gatherings.

We are grateful that you are part of our church family. Our hope is that in coming together again, worship will be both encouraging and safe for everyone involved. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Your Church Board