

June 30, 2020

Dear church family,

Opening the church:

The church building will be once again open on July 5th, 2020 for worship. We are encouraging anyone with a compromised immune situation or anyone in the high-risk category as defined by the CDC to worship online and not enter the building.

Entering and moving in the building:

All doors will be locked until 10:15

The only entrance that will be accessible from outside will be the parking lot door that faces Biddle.

Upon entry to the building we will also be checking your temperature with a touchless thermometer. If your temperature is 100.4 or greater you will be denied entry into the building.

Masks will be REQUIRED and sanitizing hands will also be required.

The first usher will be stationed by the outside door, taking your temperature and verifying mask usage. If your temperature exceeds 100.4, you will not be allowed to enter the building.

We are asking that as soon as you enter the building you head into the queue to enter the sanctuary. If there is a line to enter, please wait 6ft apart (as designated by the tape on the ground).

If you are there to sit as a family or group, please enter all together and be seated together.

Your usher will escort you to your seats, please follow the usher giving 6ft of space to your designated seating area.

If there is no usher at the door, please do not just enter the sanctuary, wait for an usher to return.

Restrooms:

If you need to use the restroom, we are attempting to use the upstairs bathroom off the kitchen as a lady's room and the basement bathroom at the foot of the back stairs as the men's room. If there are any reasons that using the bathroom downstairs is difficult or impossible for you, please use the upstairs bathroom.

Once you are done in the restroom, please make use of the sanitizing wipes to clean any areas you may have touched.

We are asking that no one enter the basement other than for use of the men's room at the bottom of the kitchen stairs.

We are also not allowing access to the kitchen in order to keep it as sanitized as possible for food service.

Service

We will not have Sunday school or children's time for at least the first week of opening the church.

We will start with announcements in the back of the church. We will have visual liturgy on the screen for prayers. We will also have songs on the screen; however, we are asking that you **do not sing** out loud as that has been identified as a dangerous action and a way to easily spread the virus. We will have a scripture reading and we will have "live" in person preaching.

It is important that you only move around the sanctuary when you are instructed to do so by the ushers or in case of an emergency.

PLAN AHEAD: If you think you may need to step out of the sanctuary for any reason, please locate the route that is the quickest and provides the least interaction with others. Upon your return, wait in the foyer for the usher to indicate it is safe to return to your seat.

After the service has concluded, you will be dismissed by row starting with the back. We ask that you leave the building right away and exit out the door you entered in. If you would like to congregate, please do so away from the building and practice social distancing.

Prayer request cards (gold cards) will be on your seat and you can either fill those out at your seat and leave them in place or take them home and bring them back next week. You can also request prayers on Facebook, or send them into the office e-mail.

We will not be having any coffee hour or socialization inside the building for at least the first few weeks.

This will be by trial and error. We will make adjustments as we deem necessary. We hope you will join us either in person or online. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact someone on council.

Sincerely,

Your Church Council