

PHASE 1 OF REOPENING FAITH CHURCH

We are thrilled to announce that we will hold public services starting on June 7th, 2020 (9a and 11a). *Please note: the following plan is initial. As the weeks progress, we will continue to reevaluate and make adjustments.*

I. General Information

- a. Each service will have approximately 200 seats available (Risk Management team recommendation).
- b. In order for us not to exceed our 200 capacity, we would ask you to register for the service that you/your family would like to attend. **It is important that you register each member of your family that will attend, children included.** [Click here to register!](#)
- c. The sanctuary will be cleaned before and after each service, including public restrooms. The restrooms across from the fish tank will be available for the congregation.
- d. We would ask that if you or members of your family are sick in any way (high temperature, coughing, runny nose etc.), that you do not attend in this season. We also ask that you take each person in your family's temperature, at home, before you arrive and if it exceeds 100.0°, please remain at home.
- e. We would urge you to join us for corporate worship on June 7th. But we realize that some of you may not be ready to do so for a variety of reasons. For example, some of you are immuno-compromised or over 65. For those who believe it is unwise to attend for a short season, we will offer a livestream option to watch from home.
- f. Please plan to arrive 15-20 min before each service starts. Be prepared to wait in line under the awning outside the main entrance. Ushers will guide you to your seats.

II. Worship Service Information

- a. We will be abbreviating our services for transition and cleaning between services.
- b. In accordance with state guidelines, we recommend that you and each member of your family, wear a mask and maintain social distancing (6 feet separation).
- c. A team of ushers, wearing **USHER** name tags/lanyards will help you find a seat.
- d. Digital bulletins will be available on the day of the service which you can access on your phone. There will be no bibles or paper bulletins available in the sanctuary.
- e. The Lord's Supper will be served in individually-wrapped packages. You will find these packages on tables in the lobby as you head to the sanctuary. Please pick up one as you enter into the sanctuary.

- f. Giving boxes remain in the back of the sanctuary to drop off your offerings. You can also continue to give online, or by mail.
- g. Once the worship service is over, our ushers will dismiss you by row. We know that you will likely want to catch up with your friends. That's wonderful! Please take those conversations to the parking lot, which will not only limit exposure but allow our staff & volunteers to clean.

III. Children & Student Ministry Information

- a. For the first few weeks, we foresee not being able to offer Children's Ministry or Student Ministry classes. We are hoping to initiate a modified version of these classes in the weeks ahead.
- b. Children are welcome in the services with their family. If you need more space for wiggles and noise, you can move your family to the **choir room** where the service will be streamed.
- c. The CDC recommends that kids also wear masks. We understand that this can be difficult. However we do ask that parents at least have their kids wear a mask when entering and exiting the sanctuary.

IV. Rationale

- a. *We want to care for you (1 Pet 5:1-5).* The reality is that limiting exposure will decrease the chance of one of our church folks getting COVID-19. We also acknowledge that offering worship services is the main way we show you love! So we're eager to get back to it, but in a manner that is careful & cautious.
- b. *We want to submit to the governing authorities (Rom. 13:1-5).* We are trusting that God has placed our governmental leaders in place. When we obey these leaders (within reason), we are obeying God! While restrictions are loosening state-wide, they are doing so slowly – not all at once. We want to mirror this in the way we reopen.
- c. *We want to witness well to the watching world (Matt. 22:39).* We don't take our cues from what the world thinks about us. However, we acknowledge that the surrounding community *is* watching to see how churches will respond. Our caution and care sends a good signal to them – that we love them & are thinking of their welfare too.