

Reopening Church During COVID—What to Expect

Before Leaving Home:

- Ensure you have read the FRLC COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and are able to comply with it while in the building.
- Make sure you are feeling well. If you are sick, please stay home and worship online. We will continue to provide online live worship services as we have been.
- Please wash your hands before leaving home and bring a mask if you have one.

Arriving at Church:

- Park in the lot as usual. Please leave the spots in front of the narthex windows available for members wishing to park and listen to service over their car radio without entering the building.
- Enter the church through the upper entry doors only. Twenty-30 minutes before worship, the upper doors will be propped open. The lower entry will remain locked.
- A list of COVID symptoms will be posted at the entry doors. Most people are familiar with these. If you have any of the symptoms, you should not enter the church. If symptoms are observed by an usher, you will be asked to remain in your vehicle for the good of all members. (All attendees are required to follow the directions of ushers and church staff.)
- As you enter the building, you will be greeted by an usher. He or she will make sure you have a mask. They are required to be worn during service. Please try to bring one from home for any person over 2 years old. We will have some masks available at the door for those unable to bring one.
- Hand sanitizer will be located just inside the building. Please sanitize your hands.
- Another usher will provide you a bulletin. If we are having communion that Sunday, you will also get a prefilled communion packet.
- You will be directed to a pew that has a cushion. (Pews that do not have a cushion are closed). Family groups should sit together. People from different households must sit in different pews, maintaining 6 foot spacing from other households. The choir loft is available for seating with the same rules. The narthex and the wing are also available, with families in groups of chairs remaining 6 feet apart.

The Service:

- The service will be somewhat different than we are used to.
- Communion will be received in our pews. Instructions will be provided by the Pastor.
- Members who are in the pews and other seating areas should wear masks. When at the front of the sanctuary, those leading worship may remove their mask while maintaining 12' or more from the congregation.
- In accordance with government guidelines, we will not have the congregation sing during the worship since 12' of distance cannot be maintained to allow this.
- No busy bags will be available. You may bring items from home if your children need them.
- Only one family per Sunday will be allowed in the family room.
- If you start coughing, sneezing or otherwise feeling sick, you will be asked to leave the building.
- We will not be designating youth as acolytes at this time. Anyone wishing to serve as a Ministry Assistant should contact the Pastor.
- We will not be passing the peace in the traditional fashion.

End of Service:

- At the end of service, you will be ushered out one pew at a time. Please remain seated until the usher dismisses you. This includes those seated in chair areas. Choir loft will dismiss itself and maintain social distance.
- An offering plate will be placed in the back of the church. Please deposit your offering as you leave the sanctuary.
- A waste basket will also be available for communion leftovers. Please deposit your waste as you leave the sanctuary.
- The fellowship hall will remain closed for the time being. Community offered food and beverage will not occur at this time. Please bring your own coffee if desired. Fellowship in the parking lot (with social distancing) is encouraged.

Max COVID Capacity for service: 118 Persons including those leading worship (6/18/20)