

In-person Worship Instructions for Participants

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go the house of the LORD!" (Ps. 122:1)

1. **Participants are asked to make sure they are symptom free** and have not had known contact with anyone recently diagnosed with COVID19. Please take your temperature at home before you arrive and do not attend if it is not in the normal range. If you have had recent exposure in a high-risk situation (crowds with no social distancing), we would also ask that you stay home.
2. **Everyone ages 9 and older will be required to wear a mask.** Should you forget a mask, we will have extras available. *(Research suggests that a contagious person can spread the virus simply from breathing but that the risks are lowered if the contagious person is physically distant from others and in a large enough space with adequate ventilation. Research also suggests that singing, in particular, spreads a higher concentration of virus to a wider area than simply breathing or speaking. **Therefore:** In this phase of reopening, masks are required for ages 9 and up to create a safe environment and overall sense of ease for all our guests. Masks are to be worn from the time a person enters the building until they exit the building after the service.)*
3. **Enter the church building at the East entrance** (upper lot on Carlyle side).
4. **You might get to sit where you have never gotten to sit before!** Ushers will seat persons from front to back in alternate pews as soon as they arrive to avoid cross contact.
5. **If you want to sit together**, please plan to meet outside and enter together. Only persons who live in the same household or who are in regular close contact should sit in the same pew.
6. **Printed worship folders will be available.** They may be taken home or disposed of as you exit.
7. **Offering baskets** will be at each entry door to the sanctuary. Online giving options continue to be available.
8. **Water fountains will be closed.** A small supply of bottled water will be available.
9. **The nursery will now be open for nursing mothers or parents who need to change infants.** It will not be staffed. There are also changing tables in all handicapped restroom stalls.
10. **When worship ends, participants will need to wait to be ushered to exits** (back to front). Participants may exit the narthex out both the center and side doors.
11. **Should anyone become ill within 2 weeks of attending worship**, we would ask that they notify Pastor Chris Spelbring or DCE Jill Hasstedt privately as soon as possible.
12. **Finally, we ask for your prayers and patience.** Please extend grace to our volunteers and leaders as we attempt to re-open our sanctuary in a safe and new way. We are excited to see you, to serve you, and to praise the LORD with you on Sunday!

Additional Preparations Being Made

1. Bibles, hymnals, and pew cards have been removed from the pews.
2. All Sunday morning servants have their temperatures taken as they arrive and must be symptom free. We have asked that they have not had known contact with anyone recently diagnosed with COVID19 before attending and as much as possible have not had recent exposure in a high-risk situation (crowds with no social distancing).
3. All ushers and ERT, sound booth volunteers, and staff who are present will be masked and use hand sanitizer frequently. (Pastors, readers and upfront musicians will not be masked as they will be significantly distanced from front pews)
4. Exterior and interior doors will be propped or held open for participants as they enter and leave.
5. All frequently touched surfaces are sanitized before and between services using cleaners that meet CDC and EPA guidelines for killing the COVID19 virus.
6. If the nursery is used, all surfaces will be sanitized and a basket will be provided for toys that have been touched. Toys will be sanitized before being placed out again.