



REOPENING PLAN **IN-PERSON INSIDE WORSHIP GATHERINGS**

We've had an amazing time gathering for in-person worship in our backyard since June 14th, but we are beyond excited to gather in-person inside beginning **Sunday, October 4th**! Some of you are jumping up and down because you have been waiting for this for a long time...and some of you are cringing inside because you are not sure of the safety of your health. We understand both responses... and everything in between! We are a beautiful mix of people (a beautiful "salad") with diverse thoughts and feelings concerning many things... one of which Covid-19. We encourage and challenge you to love one another well.

Here's how we plan to begin our journey back to in-person worship gatherings

MASKS

- If there continues to be a state mandate requiring masks to be worn inside all buildings, we will post a sign that reflects this mandate.
- We will not police this requirement
- We will supply disposable masks for those who need them
- If the state mandate ends on Sept. 28th, we will strongly request attendees to wear masks while entering, exiting, and mingling. They may remove their mask when sitting for worship. We will not police this request.

SINGING

- We plan to have no singing at the beginning of our worship gathering – we will have alternative worship practices or instrumental music
- We plan to sing together at the end of our worship gathering, giving those who are not comfortable singing in a group time to leave. We will limit our singing to a couple of songs.

SEATING

- We plan to set up the chairs as usual, but with a 6ft distance between rows.
- We ask attendees to sit in family or bubble groups and leave four chairs between groups
- We estimate our room to safely (social distancing) seat 90-100 people
- We will have overflow seating in the entryway where the service will be streamed to a TV in the room
- Ushers will be available to help you find a seat where you are comfortable

SERVICES

- One in-person service time – 10:30am
- One Facebook Live service time – 10:30am
- We ask that you keep a 6ft distance between family/bubble groups as much as possible when entering, exiting, and mingling in the building
- If we cannot remain socially distanced during worship (due to number of attendees) we will revisit the possibility of adding an additional in-person service



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- We will not have coffee or snacks available (no Genesis Café)
- If weather permits, we ask that you converse with one another outside the building whenever possible
- We are trusting everyone to respect and care for one another by NOT attending if you are feeling even slightly sick or if you suspect you have been exposed to someone who may have Covid-19. We must be watchful.

CLEANING

- Chairs will be regularly cleaned. With the amount of time that passes between Sundays we are confident our surfaces will be safe from virus'
- We will wipe down frequently touched surfaces (door handles, tables, etc.) prior to service time and will create no-touch experiences as much as possible
- Bathrooms will be regularly cleaned, and we will place Clorox wipes on the back of each toilet, so you can clean surfaces before and after use
- We will have hand sanitizing stations throughout the building and will encourage good handwashing procedures
- We have had our air exchange system reviewed. We have an exceptionally good system able to keep our air flow clear and clean

KIDS

- Info on children's church and nursery is coming as our Children's Ministry leaders determine safety and amount of volunteer involvement.
- We are now in the process of converting two of our rooms (in the back hall) into one large room that will offer more space for our children to learn and play.