

Reopening FAQ

1. Question: Can we sing?

Answer: Yes, as long as you leave your mask on!

2. Question: Is there a time while in the building we can take our masks off?

Answer: No. The council has decided to keep everyone safe. Masks must be kept on at all times while in the building. Currently no exceptions.

3. Question: Do my children need to wear masks?

Answer: Yes. Per local and federal guidelines, everyone over 2 years of age should wear a mask in public.

4. Question: How will I give my offering?

Answer: A basket for offering and a basket for the mission of the month will be found at the back of the Sanctuary. People will be invited to place offering in the baskets as they enter the sanctuary, or any time prior to the song of the day. We will invite someone to bring the baskets to the front prior to the offering prayer. Please be mindful of distancing when using the baskets to place your offering.

5. Question: Can I sit anywhere or with friends or other church family?

Answer: The council strongly encourages families to sit together leaving some distance (recommended 3 feet) between family units.

6. Question: Can the kids play together in the cry room or at the back of the sanctuary?

Answer: No. The council has made the decision to keep the cry room/play room closed at this time as well as remove the children's table and chairs at the back of the sanctuary. Guidelines are specific for small, enclosed places and the cry room is just that. We are hopeful that children will sit with their family.

7. Question: How will communion work?

Answer: A greeter will hand you your individually wrapped communion elements as you walk into the Sanctuary.

8. Question: Is there a restroom policy?

Answer: Please limit the number of people and/or limit to a single family whenever possible.

9. Question: Why don't we continue outdoors for as long as possible?

Answer: The council decided to have a phased approach to reopening. The first step is to move what we have been doing outdoors to indoors. The difference being that it will be the 9:00 AM service that is streamed live (the pre-recording prior to that service will no longer take place). This phased approach will allow us to adapt or make any necessary adjustments before adding other ministries.

10. Question: Why are we not going back to a complete schedule immediately on 9/12?

Answer: The council feels that we are better equipped to handle each step as a phased approach so that we can adapt, adjust and make corrections as we go along.

11. Question: Will I still be able to watch from home?

Answer: Yes. The 9:00 service will be streamed live as well as recorded for viewing on YouTube later.

12. Question: Are there any rules for walking traffic patterns while service is going on?

Answer: The council recommends anyone walking to the altar use the center aisle while walking away from the altar to use the side aisles.

13. Question: Will we have a fellowship hour and if so, how will that work?

Answer: Yes. The current plan is to have a fellowship hour outdoors in the courtyard. Food will be all prepackaged and purchased by the church; including juice boxes for children. The host will set up, make coffee, pour coffee and clean up. You are also welcome to bring your own coffee or drinks. This is contingent upon volunteer hosts. Please let Joanna know if you are willing to host a particular week.