

Worship Service and Ministry Changes

As we seek to move towards gathering in-person again as a church, we want to begin gathering with prudence and wisdom. The health of our church family is a high priority, as well as what it means to be a loving neighbor to our community. With that desire, we are making some adjustments to our ministries to serve the church family.

Worship Services

Services are currently being conducted online only, recording live and broadcasting over Church Online and Facebook. Once we begin to meet again, we will be live streaming our worship services. This will be a permanent change. We see the benefit of allowing our church family to connect if they are unable to attend church on a given Sunday.

Protection of Vulnerable Members

As defined by the White House COVID-19 Task Force, those who are considered part of the vulnerable population, those with compromised immune systems, and/or anyone who is sick is strongly encouraged to participate in online services. Volunteers in the vulnerable category will be asked not to serve until Phase 4 is achieved.

Service Elements

Until further notice, service elements that comes into contact with multiple people will be changed to reduce contact between church members.

- The Lord's Supper will begin again during Phase 3. We will use alternative methods during phase 3. In Phase 4, we will return to our previous method of the Lord's Supper.
- Pens will be removed from circulation until Phase 4. You can pick up a pen to keep in the lobby in phase 2 and 3.
- We are looking into a digital Connect Card until phase 4.
- Worship guides will be available for pick up only in phase 2 and 3.

Welcome Team

The Welcome Team (greeters, ushers, and parking team) interact with people and typically are in close contact with church members. Until further notice, volunteers will not engage in physical contact to make church members feel comfortable. A simple wave and a friendly greeting are sufficient to welcome people into the church. Even if our volunteers feel comfortable greeting with a handshake or hug, it may make others uncomfortable. Training will be conducted prior to returning to services on site. The following will be practiced by the Welcome Team:

- Refrain from handshakes or hugs until further notice

- Doors will be propped open and will only be open and closed by designated volunteers.
- Commonly kept items (Bibles, Welcome Bags, etc.) will be distributed at the Connection Center only until phase 4.

Kids Ministry

Our Kids Ministry will not begin until phase 3. Phase 3 will include a modified format that will be determined. Kids Ministry will have a significant increase in oversight for interaction between the children. In addition to the increased disinfection in the children's and nursery areas, the following precautions will be in place:

- A disinfection checklist will be in place to clean rooms between and after services
- Encouraging activities that keep space between children
- Extra measures of precautions with volunteers

Café

- Our cafe will be closed until Phase 4.

Connection / Welcome Center

- Masks will be provided for those who want them.
- No returns on items (e.g. pens) will be allowed to the Connection Center.