

Public Worship Restart

General Information

- Public Worship Services will restart Sunday, June 28.
- We will offer services Sundays at 9:00 A.M.
 - When those services exceed social distancing capacity, we may add a service.
- We will continue to record our services in our current format.
- We will ensure proper distancing and sanitizing to the best of our ability.
- Following state guidance, 50 people will be permitted to attend each service.
- Worshipers are required to register online (see our website) to ensure that we don't exceed the appropriate number of people in each service. If you aren't able to register online, you may register by speaking with someone in the office (847-362-4424). Caution: Office hours are sporadic, and we are not taking reservations by voicemail or email.
- We will continue to offer the Lord's Supper by appointment. We are waiting until a later time before we offer the Lord's Supper as part of our regular weekend services.

Safety Expectations

- If you - or anyone in your household - have symptoms of COVID-19, **worship at home**.
- If you - or anyone in your household - are at high risk of serious illness, **please worship at home**.
- If you are uncomfortable attending services at this time, feel free to worship at home.
- If you won't wear a mask, **please worship at home!**
- Our in-person worship services are **for people wearing masks and socially distancing**. Therefore, if you come to worship with us at this time,
 - Wear a mask (age 3 and up).
 - Practice distancing and good hygiene.

Distancing

- Every other row of pews will be closed. Ushers will direct you to the open pews.
- One household will be allowed per pew.
 - Singles or couples may share a pew at opposite ends.

Before the Service

- You may print off a service folder at home. (We will have service folders available.)
- Bring your mask(s) and, as needed, a quiet activity kit for your child(ren).
- Please enter by the main church entrance. Those unable to walk that far may use the school entry.
- As you enter the church, we will have available:
 - An offering plate (the “Wood Church”) for your offerings
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Service folders (please take for you and your family).
- An usher will direct you where to sit for social distancing.
- Greeters will greet outdoors.
- Ushers will be available to assist as needed.

After the Service

- Please continue social distancing.
- Wait until you are outside to welcome and chat with each other.
- You will be dismissed by an usher (people seated in the back of church will leave by the main doors; people seated toward the front will leave by the school doors.
- Our Family Bible Hour along with coffee and fellowship time are on indefinite hold.

Cleanliness

- High-contact surfaces in non-worship areas (door handles, railings, ...) will be disinfected both after people have arrived and after every service.
- High-contact surfaces in worship areas (pews ...) will be disinfected after every service.
- A deeper cleaning will be done in preparation for each weekend.
- Hymnals, Bibles, and Friendship Pads have been removed from the pews.
- Children’s toys and activity bags have been put away. Feel free to bring a quiet kit for your child(ren).
- Name tags - now is a great time to show your creativity and make your own! (Now is a fine time to use those name tags you have been hoarding!)
- Offering Plates will be available at the front and back of the church for your offerings (before or after the service.)

A Reminder

- Please know that even as we experience the awkwardness of social distancing with masks, your Good Shepherd holds you close to his heart and goes with you to share his love!