

Indoor Worship Service *Starting Aug. 23*

The infection rate in SC has been coming down since July 19th however rates are still high in SC. So, we feel it is safe to very carefully begin having services indoors. Please bear with us as we try to find the best way to gather for worship in person without putting people at undue risk. **If you are sick or think you may have been exposed, stay home!** Below are some specifics about this new service.

We will begin an indoor service on **August 23rd at 11 am in the Mission and Fellowship Center**. We will continue the Virtual and Outdoor services for those who do not want to gather indoors at this time. Based on your concerns and needs please feel free to worship in any of these three worship service choices: Virtual, Outdoor 8:30 am, & Indoor 11 am

What to expect at the Indoor Service: We will ask everyone to enter the Mission and Fellowship Center through the door that enters directly from the parking lot. An usher will open the door for you to enter and we will let family groups in the building one family at a time to facilitate social distancing.



Chairs will be set up in 30 “family” groups of 4 or 5 chairs which are safely spaced at more than 6 feet apart from other groups. (If you have a larger family group let us know ahead of time, and we will set up a group for you.) When you enter there are arrows on the floor for direction up and down the aisles. Please follow these to prevent any unwanted cross traffic and facilitate social distancing. When you come in,



find a “family” group of chairs and sit in it.

- If you are single you may sit at one end of a set of 5 chairs and another single person can sit at the other end with three chairs between you,

barely 6 feet away, or if you are not comfortable with that, then sit in one of the 4 chair sets.

- Families of 2, 3 or 4, please sit in one of the 4 chair sets.
- Families of 5, sit in one of the 5 chair sets.
- Families of 6 or more, please let us know ahead of time and we will set up a family set with enough chairs for you.

We ask that once you enter please stay in your seat unless you need to get up. The bathrooms off the lobby will be available, but occupancy will be limited to 2 people to facilitate social distancing. We will have attendants at each bathroom keeping track of people to let you know if you can enter or need to wait. When we leave at the end of the service, we ask that people be willing to wait for those sitting behind them to leave first so that we maintain social distance on the way out. Please do not mingle before or after the service.

Masks are required while indoors. The mounting evidence is that wearing masks is one of the most effective ways to not spread COVID-19 and one of the best means of not catching it. Some of the beautiful masks, handmade by our own wonderful church members, are available if you do not have a mask.



There will be offering plates at the door so you can drop off an offering on your way in or out.

There will be no hymnals or printed bulletins. Bulletins will be emailed by the church so you can print your own if you like.

There will be no congregational singing or live music, but we will have prerecorded music by church members and music staff. Singing aerosolizes respiratory particles and is one of the most effective ways of spreading COVID-19.

Most of all, please be careful and respectful of others. The infection rate in SC has been coming down, but it is still spreading and we need to be responsible for our own protection and for the protection of others.