

Worship Guidelines and Safe Distancing

New service times will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday will serve as the recording service for the Sunday broadcast, and as such, the organ music will be from a computer so that the recording software can better capture the music. There will be no formal limits to attendance, but Pastor is hoping that any given service will have 50 or less people with overflow room in the Student Center once the sanctuary reaches 50. To that end, please consider attending service at a time you might normally not such as Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday at 8:00 a.m. The logic is to try to spread out attendance evenly between each service.

The reopening of businesses and other organizations doesn't mean that COVID-19 has been defeated, and it's entirely possible we may see a resurgence in the coming months. Thus, it is important to take this illness seriously and engage in practices that prevent the spread of disease. To this end, services will look different as you attend worship. Here are the details:

1. If you have a cloth facemask, please bring it along to church to wear!
2. I hope this goes without saying, but if you're feeling sick, please stay home! Please contact Pastor Eichers if you're sick, He would love to pray with you.
3. If weather permits, we will prop open the doors to minimize the touching of door handles. Otherwise, let someone like an usher let you in the building.
4. There will be hand sanitizer pumps as you enter the building, please make use of these to clean your hands upon entry. If you are in need of a mask, we can assist you in locating one.
5. Please help yourself to a bulletin, the ushers will not be handing them out like they did before.
6. The offerings will be collected at the door in a wooden box. There will be no passing of the plates.
7. Once you arrive, please find seating at your earliest convenience. It is important that we do not congregate in places like the lobby or hallways. Use this time to pray before service!
8. For the time being, we're starting a BYOB policy at church. Namely, a "bring your own Bible" policy. Pew hymnals and Bibles will be temporarily removed, although the readings and order of service will be printed out in the bulletins. If you would like to borrow a hymnal that you can take home and back to church throughout this time, please contact Pastor Eichers so he can make a record of it.
9. Please sit in a pew six feet or more apart from the next household. This might mean finding a seat near the front or finding a seat near the center of the pew.
10. For Sunday morning attendees, you'll notice that the pews have labels on them, some are reserved for the 8:00 attendees, others are reserved for the 10:30 attendees, this is to limit the cross contamination between services. For Wednesday night, we believe the time between services would limit any germs that were on the pews from Sunday.
11. We will practice continuous communion. Instead of going up one table at a time, the usher will dismiss one row at a time. Pastor Eichers will stand in front of the baptismal font and hand out Christ's body. The elder will stand in front of the pulpit with the blood. Each communicant will go from one "station" to the next and then be seated. A common blessing will be said at the end of communion.
12. At the end of the service, an usher will dismiss you one row at a time. Please either leave the building or go downstairs (for Education Hour). If you would like to have a conversation, please do so outside to maximize the distance between each other. Again, the goal is to minimize the possibility for the spread of germs.
13. Education hour will be held in the fellowship hall in the basement at 9:15. Education Hour will be broadcast live to YouTube.