

Worship and Special Services During COVID-19 – What to Expect

During our Church Worship and Special Services, the health of all attendees is of primary importance. For this reason, safety requirements have been established for our time together.

THINGS TO KNOW PRIOR TO LEAVING HOME

Vulnerable People: In keeping with guidance from the Greater New Jersey Conference, we remind everyone to be aware that some people are at increased risk for COVID-19. For more information on whether you may be at increased risk please review the Center for Disease Control (CDC) information found [here](#).

IF YOU ARE SICK STAY HOME: When you arrive at church you will be asked to perform a [health assessment](#). Please review prior to arriving at church. If you cannot successfully complete the assessment, do not attend your small group meeting at this time.

Follow Established Safety Requirements: Taking care of ourselves and each other is an important part of being the church. To this end, it is imperative that all safety requirements are followed during our time together. Please follow all established safety requirements and proceed directly to and from your meeting space. Do not enter parts of the building that are not related to your meeting.

Food and Beverages: No food or beverages* may be consumed during gatherings so please do not bring them. (*Note: Water is permitted but please minimize time without mask when drinking. If you plan to drink water, please bring your own.)

Church Kitchen: The Church Kitchen is currently closed. If needed, please bring your own water, in your own drinking container.

Restrooms: In order to minimize restroom use, and thus reduce sanitation requirements, we ask that you use the restroom prior to leaving home and when possible avoid using restrooms while at church.

WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL AT THE CHURCH

Mask Wearing: Masks must be worn at all times after arriving at church including while in the parking lot and in the church building. (please bring your own)

Social Distancing: A Social Distance of 6 feet or more must be maintained at all times between yourself and anyone that is not a part of your household even while in the parking lot.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH BUILDING

Where to Enter the Church Building: All service attendees must enter the church building through the brown door on the right side of the back porch.

Thank you for working together to keep our church safe during this time!

Hand Sanitizing: A hand sanitizing station will be set up at the entry area. We strongly encourage its use upon entering the church building.

Health Assessment: Upon entering the building, each person will be required to perform a [health assessment](#). If you cannot successfully complete the Health Assessment you cannot attend the small group meeting.

Signing In: After successfully completing the health assessment each attendee must sign in indicating a successful health assessment.

Proceeding to the Service: After signing in, all attendees must proceed directly to the service. Do not linger in the hallways or tour around the building for any reason.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE SERVICE

Seating: Sanitized chairs will be set up or pews will be marked for various household sizes at appropriate distance from one another in the worship space. Please do not rearrange the chairs or sit outside the designated pew areas.

Finding YOUR Seat: Ushers will establish a directional flow to and from the seating areas. Please follow their guidance and sit where designated.

A Reminder About our COVID Safety Policies: At the beginning of each service, the worship leader will provide a brief overview of our COVID safety policies.

Handouts etc.: There will be no bulletins or sharing of materials during the worship service. A bulletin link will be shared in the weekly e-blast and may be printed at home prior to arrival OR may be accessed via a smart phone during worship.

Congregational Singing: To minimize the possible spread of aerosols, we will not have congregational singing during our worship time. One musician may sing at a time but will be situated a long distance away from worshipers and will remain masked.

Worship Service Length: Worship must not be more than one hour.

What to Expect When Leaving the Worship Space:

Leaving YOUR Seat: Ushers will establish a directional flow to and from the seating areas. Please follow their guidance and exit as directed.

Exiting the Worship Space: Upon exiting the worship space, all attendees should proceed directly to the brown doors at the rear of the church to exit. Social Distancing must be maintained at all times.

Proceeding to Your Car: Face masks must be worn while proceeding to your car and conversations in the parking lot should be kept to a minimum.

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