

Reopening Process for June 28, 2020

Church,

I am excited to gather in the sanctuary on 6/28 for worship. I freely admit that I am also nervous. Instances over the past few weeks of churches reopening have produced clusters of people contracting the Coronavirus and COVID-19. Thankfully, these instances are not widespread. Regardless, no church wants to become one of those instances. So, we are taking as many reasonable, wise precautions as possible.

On 6/28 through 7/26, the following guidelines will be in place:

1. The Facebook live-streaming of all worship gatherings will continue without interruption as we begin to gather in person. If you choose not to gather in person, we understand and support wholeheartedly your decision. You will be with us virtually.
2. Face masks will be required for every person entering the building for the worship gathering. You can bring your own mask, or we will provide a mask when you arrive. We hope you will think about face masks in relationship to the other person around you rather than only for yourself--think about it as an act of love and care for others. We understand children can struggle with face masks and will work with parents accordingly.
3. Please use non-contact greetings, both outside and inside, as we gather. Examples include, air hugs, air high fives, waves, etc.
4. Everyone will enter through the Narthex (Sanctuary entrance) doors on the New Hope Road side. We encourage everyone to park in the New Hope Road parking lot. If you need to park in the small lot off Louisburg Road for mobility purposes, please let us know. We will be prepared for you to come into the Narthex on that side.
5. As you come to the Sanctuary entrance, there will be lines on the ground to help everyone maintain a safe distance as you enter.
6. Once inside, you will be presented with a dab of hand sanitizer.
7. Greeters/Ushers/Deacons/Pastors will direct you (individual, couple, family, or persons of the same household) to the right or the left doors into the Sanctuary. This will help us get everyone into the Sanctuary smoothly and get you to seating that is marked for individual/couples (1-2) or for families/groups (3+).
8. If you are able and interested in sitting in the balcony, let that be known as you enter and we will direct you to the stairs. Once upstairs, another greeter/usher will point you toward seating.
9. We ask that once you are seated, you remain in the designated area. Feel free to stand and wave and greet others, but we want to limit moving around the Sanctuary.
10. After worship, we will dismiss everyone from the back to the front. Please wait for a greeter/usher to dismiss your row. Move through the Narthex and outside.
11. The planned start time for worship is 10:00 am. Please arrive early, especially on 6/28, as we move through this process. Narthex door will open at 9:30 am. If people are still entering after 10:00 am, we will wait for you before beginning the service. You do not need to rush or worry.

We will work to have a good number of people helping on 6/28. We will have directional and informational signs, but people will be the key. Thanks in advance for your patience, generous spirits, and good humor!

Be on the lookout next week for a video showing the process of entering the Sanctuary.

The Lord be with you all. Looking forward to gathering to exalt the name of Jesus Christ.

~Randy