

Covenant for Regathering in the Sanctuary

During COVID-19

Sandy Springs Christian Church

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of Sandy Springs Christian Church for participation in the life of this congregation. I am part of the plan.

When I participate, I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself; I will...

- Stay home if I am not feeling well.
- Sign up prior to coming to worship.
- Wear a mask and ensure my children over the age of 4 are wearing masks.

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Observe social distancing
- Make no physical contact with people beyond members of my own household.

Seek and serve Christ in all people, I will...

- Follow the safety instructions given by ushers and church leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community who are unable to attend worship.

As staff and volunteers, we will strive to make the building safe by:

- Thoroughly disinfecting all high-touch surfaces prior to and after any worship service or meetings in all areas that will be used.
- Obtaining and stocking sufficient supplies of needed disinfectants for any activities.
- As needed, adjusting the spaces where worship leaders and musicians do their work so that they are sufficiently physically distanced from the worshiping congregation and from one another.
- Removing all items in the pews.
- Identifying where seats are available. Planning to start seating at least 16 feet away from where worship leaders are likely to be since they may sometimes need to use louder voices. Have all available seating for the congregation by providing for at least 6 feet in all directions between co-sheltering households. Designating and labeling available pews.
- Providing seating for families that allows children more space for movement.
- Posting signs to inform or direct worshipers and guests with the following information:
 - Maintain physical distancing
 - Wear cloth face masks
 - Entrances and exits
 - Symptoms of COVID-19
 - How to correctly wash and disinfect hands
 - Maintain physical distancing in restrooms

- Placing markers on the ground outdoors in front of all entry and exit doors at 6-foot intervals to ensure distancing is maintained between individuals and co-sheltering household groups on entry and exit. Doing the same for indoor traffic areas. This includes pathways to restrooms.
- Using separate entrances and exits to avoid people entering and exiting the same doorway at the same time.
- Providing wipes and sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content, along with trash cans at all points of entry, at all restrooms, at all exits, and within reach of seating areas in case anyone should cough or sneeze or otherwise need additional disinfecting during the service.
- Making facemasks available.

As church leadership, we will prepare the Congregation by...

- Making it known that no nursery services will be available during worship for the time being.
- Publishing the guidelines in as many ways as possible.
- Creating and making available for viewing a video of what to expect.

As worship leaders, we will strive to lead worship safely by...

- Staying home if not feeling well.
- Wearing facemasks except when speaking or singing.
- Since there will be no handouts, providing the order of worship electronically prior to the service and on the monitors in the sanctuary during the service.
- Using communion elements in pre-packaged containers that will be safely distributed to all attendees.
- Collecting tithes and offerings in a vessel at the exit doors.
- Practicing social distancing when leading.
- Propping open all entrance doors prior to worship and all exit doors at the end of the service.
- Establishing one-way foot traffic for entering and exiting the building.
- Providing hand-sanitizer stations.
- Limiting the number of worshipers in the sanctuary to 75 at one time. Having the Whitmire Pavilion or Dunlap Hall available for overflow with live streaming of the service.