

## **COVID 19, When we Gather in Church-Phase 4 Opening**

As the Session you have the following duties:

- 1 Provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard.
- 2 Provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received.
- 3 Nurture the covenant community of the disciples of Christ.

The path for our re-opening is based on the Committee on Ministry's and Presbytery instruction in accordance with the Governor's guide lines. And of course, the consideration of the most vulnerable among us.

### **Church Building**

No before worship food/beverage service. No coffee will be available. People may not bring coffee with them, as drinking coffee requires lifting their mask. We will cut back on the number of chairs available in Fellowship Hall to discourage people gathering.

Small groups may return with appropriate precautions and social distancing. No food or drink.

### **Church Use (Until Phase 4)**

No mid-week church events, no Bible studies, meetings, potlucks. Weddings and funerals limited to 10 attendees.

### **Greeters**

There will be a greeter stationed outside the front door and one stationed by the ramp. Greeters will be masked and wearing gloves. They will welcome folks as they come in. Tell them of our procedures for seating. Answer any other questions. Pass out masks to those who do not have one. If it rains the greeter station will be in the back corner of the church and outside the fellowship entrance to the sanctuary keeping physical distances in all cases.

### **Sanctuary**

We will want to cover coat racks to prevent people using them. We will want to cut back on the number of chairs available in Fellowship Hall to discourage people gathering.

If you come together you may sit together. Please arrive as close as possible to our 10:00 am worship time and be seated in the sanctuary. You must come and leave by the same door. You must sit on the side of the church you enter.

Unless there is a health reason for not doing so everyone will be required to wear a mask. If you do not have one, one will be provided.

We will not be able to sing, the singing causes spray through go about twelve feet through a mask.

No Bibles will be available, please bring your own.

There will be no envelopes or paper items in the pews.

### **Announcements/Worship Leaders**

Welcome/Announcements will be done by Pastor and we will temporarily exclude worship leaders.

### **Music**

Music will be played at the appropriate times.

### **Collections**

Collection plates will be placed in the narthex and at the fellowship hall entrance to the sanctuary.

### **Communion**

We are unable to have face to face communion for the foreseeable future. We can, have a virtual communion service on first Sunday (or other appropriate times) in addition to our regular worship.

### **After Worship**

If you want to spend time together, please honor physical distancing. If possible after worship, please return to your cars immediately.