

Maple Presbyterian Church
SESSION APPROVED COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM
June 3, 2020

Overall guidelines, information and **“How to do it.” Re-gathering worship.**

- 1) Maple will not start re-gathering until Phase 4.
 - We are stewards of our congregation's safety and health.
 - When it is determined to be safe by state medical guidelines.
 - We will follow our insurance company's recommendations.
- 2) The 50-person limitation within the Sanctuary (and probably 30 in Fellowship Hall) will include the number of leadership and ushers involved.
- 3) Services:
 - Saturday night worship in Fellowship Hall
 - Sunday #1 Worship in Fellowship Hall
 - Sunday #2 Worship in Sanctuary
 - Streaming at 10am from home.
- 4) The virus has a limited life, so the Sanctuary will be a safe area. We will need to sanitize between the Saturday night Worship and the Early Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship Hall will be left unoccupied following Sunday am Worship, so it will be a safe area too. (Pastors will coordinate sanitizing Fellowship Hall.)
- 5) Doodle Survey (asking who will attend & when) Responses as of this date – responses still coming in:

Sat. Worship:	9
Sunday #1:	3
Sunday #2:	20
Stay Home:	22
- 6) Bathroom Safety Guidelines:
 - Use paper towels to touch any common surface such as toilet seat, toilet lid, and toilet handle.
 - Use a paper towel to operate the soap dispenser and to turn on the faucet.
 - Wash hands for at least 20 seconds.
 - Use a paper towel to turn faucet off.
 - Use a clean paper towel to dry your hands.
 - Use a clean paper towel to open the door, throw the towel in the garbage.
 - There is hand sanitizer in the Narthex, if you wish to use it.

- Sanitizer is in the bathroom for surfaces.

7) The following ushers are needed:

- Outside, end of center sidewalk, to guide, remind of safe distancing and necessity of masks.
- Front door/Narthex behind the tables, caring for bulletins, pre-packaged communion elements, and other materials as well as reminding about masks and having additional ones available.
- In front of the office to do a head count and assist anyone using the elevator.
- Center aisle of sanctuary to assist with seating
- Outside, at the lower level alley door to assist with elevator & directions.
- At the end of the service someone needs to be at the west entrance for dismissal. (Might be the bulletin person.)

Note: Following the service, Collection plates and boxes for used bulletins will be available at both the central and west entrances.

“Who does it?” Recommendations:

- 1) Worship Committee, Building & Grounds, Pastor, X and Z to work out the seating in both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- 2) Worship Committee will organize the recruiting of ushers. They are encouraged to be assisted by Outreach-Fellowship and/or Deacons.
- 3) Worship Committee will organize ushers for Saturday night and the first service on Sunday morning.

Other Information:

Sanitation Stations:

- 1) Front door, entrance to Sanctuary (Central & West), lower level door, corner across from Fellowship Hall.

Signage:

Pastors will talk with sign people

- 1) Guidelines for safety.
- 2) “Bathroom Safety” also to be posted in bathrooms.
- 3) Distancing tape will be placed outside from the east parking lot to the east entrance.

Entrances and Off Limits:

- 1) Only the South Central entrance will be used to enter. The West entrance will be an additional exit.
- 2) The North elevator entrance will be used too.
- 3) The lower level will be blocked off.
- 4) The Fellowship Hall will be blocked off except when there is a service being held there.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

- Some Outreach ideas were suggested on Zoom. We might try a fellowship hour where groups of four can talk with each other, or a trivia night, or music night.
- We also discussed the inherent problems with re-gathering since the worship experience will be so different from the familiar. As Pastor said, "It is a spiritual journey together, mourning how things were." Our goal is to keep our congregation safe, guarding their health according to current regulations and specifications. Elder J added that we should include a statement about mourning but also hope about our return too. "As we mourn how things were we also look forward with hope to returning stronger and safer."