

## **In-person Worship Guidelines for Participants**

*"I was glad when they said to me, let us go the house of the LORD!" (Ps. 122:1)*

### **General Guidelines**

- 1. Participants are asked to make sure they are symptom free** and have not had known close contact with anyone recently diagnosed with COVID19. Please take your temperature at home before you arrive and do not attend if it is not in the normal range. If you have had recent exposure in a high-risk situation (crowds with no social distancing), we would also ask that you stay home.
  - **NEW:** For the purposes of school safety and in line with recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health, "close contact" is defined as *"Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to testing) until the time the patient is isolated"*.
  - **NEW: If you believe you have had "close contact"** with someone with COVID-19 we would ask that you not attend for 14 calendar days after your last exposure even if you have no symptoms.
- 2. Everyone ages 9 and older will be required to wear a mask.** Should you forget a mask, we will have extras available.
- 3. Enter the church building at either front entrance.**
- 4. Please wait to be seated by an usher.** However, you may request an area to sit. Family or friends with whom you are in regular contact may join you in the same pew.
- 5. Printed worship folders will be available.** They may be taken home or disposed of as you exit.
- 6. Offering baskets** will be at each entry door to the sanctuary. Online giving options continue to be available.
- 7. Water fountains will be closed.** A small supply of bottled water will be available.
- 8. The nursery will be open for nursing mothers or parents who need to change infants.** It will not be staffed. There are also changing tables in all handicapped restroom stalls.
- 9. When worship ends, participants will need to wait to be ushered to exits** (back to front). Participants may exit the narthex out both the center and side doors.
- 10. If you receive a positive or presumptive positive COVID-19 diagnosis,** please let Pastor Spelbring or DCE Jill Hasstedt know confidentially so we can assess notifications or sanitation needs in the building.
- 11. NEW:** With the weather becoming colder, there may be days when it is too inclement for our pastors to greet outside.
- 12. Finally, we ask for your prayers and patience.** Please extend grace to our volunteers and leaders as we attempt to keep our sanctuary in safe ways. We are excited to see you, to serve you, and to praise the LORD with you on Sunday!

### **Additional Precautions**

1. All Sunday morning servants have their temperatures taken as they arrive and must be symptom-free. We have asked that they have not had known contact with anyone recently diagnosed with COVID19 before attending and as much as possible have not had recent exposure in a high-risk situation (crowds with no social distancing).
2. All ushers and ERT, sound booth volunteers, and staff who are present will be masked and use hand sanitizer frequently. (Pastors, readers and upfront musicians will not be masked as they will be significantly distanced from front pews)
3. If the nursery is used, all surfaces will be sanitized and a basket will be provided for toys that have been touched. Toys will be sanitized before being placed out again.