

Dear Church Family,

We are pleased to announce that live, in-person worship services will return on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be an exciting day for State Street and our church family. If you plan on attending an in- person service, please arrive early since getting everyone seated may take a few moments.

Wearing of masks and social-distancing are two of the requirements for live worship services. Keep reading for our complete plan. To keep everyone safe, all in attendance must comply with these requirements. Online worship services (both 9:01 and 11 a.m.) will continue for those who are more comfortable watching from home or who are not in the area. Also, we ask if you have a cough, fever, or other symptoms that could be related to COVID-19, please watch from home. These are the first, small steps toward resuming in-person church services. We will get there ... together.

In the coming days, we will be sending out details about how to have other in-person small group gatherings at the church.

Thank you for your patience. We look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday, March 7!

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Safety Plan for Returning to In-Person Worship at SSUMC During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- SSUMC will hold two in-person services on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall at 9:01 a.m. and in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. starting March 7, 2021.
- Worship services will continue to be available online for those not wishing to attend in-person services. Streaming continues via Facebook, YouTube, and SSUMC website.
- In the Sanctuary, every other pew will be blocked off to promote safe spacing. In the Fellowship Hall, household groups must maintain 6 feet of social distance from other household groups.
- Those who live in the same household should sit together, including youth and children.
- No Nursery or Preschool will be available but Godly Play (for age 4 through 5th graders) will meet during both worship services.
- No offerings will be taken during worship services; an offering box is available in the Narthex.
- There will be no printed bulletins; an order of worship can be accessed online.
- During services, congregational singing will not be permitted.
- No food or drinks will be served.
- Attendance will be recorded along with contact information for attendees in the event of a possible exposure.
- Participants will be asked to use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the building and worship areas.
- MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED. Everyone must keep masks on throughout the service - no exceptions. Participants are asked to bring their own mask (extra masks available if needed).
- Directional signs will be posted for entering and leaving worship areas and stairwells.
- The elevator will be reserved for those whose mobility limits the use of stairs. Only one household group on the elevator at a time.
- Worship spaces will be cleaned following services before the next use of the space.
- Restrooms may only be occupied by one worshiper at a time.
- Interior doors will remain open to limit the need to touch door knobs.
- Upon conclusion of services, worshipers will be directed out by ushers to maintain social distancing.
- ***GATHERING IN THE NARTHEX BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP IS NOT PERMITTED.***