Guidelines for Attending Worship at Little River United Church of Christ

For those who will be worshipping in the sanctuary, we share the following guidelines to help make the experience a safe and meaningful one for everyone.

- While recognizing that there are exceptions (e.g. children under 12 years of age), we encourage those attending worship in person to have been fully vaccinated. That being said, children of all ages are welcome to attend worship with their parents.

- The wearing of masks is mandatory anywhere in the building.

- If you’re at all feeling unwell, please do not come to church on that Sunday. If you do test positive for COVID following a visit to church, please contact the church.

- As you enter the atrium through the main doors, we ask that you sanitize your hands using one of the hand sanitizing stations.

- As you move about the church building and sanctuary, please be aware of social distancing.

- Restrooms are open and able to be used as needed.

- When you enter the sanctuary, our ushers will seat you in ways that will help maintain social distancing while in worship.

- For the moment, we will not be having childcare, nor will we celebrate Moments with the Children.

NOTE: Sunday school is now being offered on the back patio for children from kindergarten through fifth grade during the 10 am worship service. Be sure to dress your children for the weather - it can get chilly in the shade. Please check with an usher for location of the class if the weather is not conducive to be outdoors.

- Much as we’d like to, there will be no congregational singing of hymns. We invite you to listen to the hymns recorded prior to worship.

- For the Passing of the Peace, we invite you to acknowledge the people around you with a wave, a bow, or other sign of friendship.

- There will be no formal receiving of an offering. Those wishing to make contributions to the church may use the baskets located outside the main sanctuary doors or give to an usher.

- During Thanksgivings and Concerns, congregants in the sanctuary with Ts and Cs to share, will come to the chancel steps, where a microphone will be positioned. People worshipping on Zoom will be able to write their concerns in the Zoom Chat box which will be read by an appointed Deacon.
• At the conclusion of worship, we invite you to leave the sanctuary through the main doors at the back (by the choir rows) or through the doors to the right of the pews. For the moment, due to safety concerns, we are not able to enjoy a formal after church fellowship time with food and drink. If you wish to greet one another and chat after worship, please so do outside to the extent possible.

If you have any questions and concerns, please ask a member of the church staff, one of the ushers or pastors. And a final thought: All of the above is subject to change given the fluidity of life as we’re experiencing it within Little River and without. Please be patient and understanding of our staff and the volunteers who are working so hard to make in person worship possible.

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