

Important ReGathering Information

If you are not feeling well or are uncomfortable coming into the building, please opt to join us via our livestream platforms: hwc.church, Facebook and YouTube.

Nursery and Kids Church are all closed for this initial phase in our ReGathering Plan. As your family worships together, please feel free to bring activities to the worship service for your children.

Restrooms and high-touch areas will be cleaned throughout the morning.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.

We will practice physical distancing of 6 feet in all areas of the building - family units may sit together.

All exterior doors will be propped open (weather permitting).

For the Sunday services at 9:00am and 10:30am these two services will be identical. Seating in the sanctuary will be limited to 70 people and when those seats are filled we will be directing people to the Main Street Theater where an identical service will be held with live music and a message via video.

Services will be 55 minutes long.

Offering plates will not be passed, instead the offering will be received at the doors following each service.

Bulletins will be provided along with a fun game for all of the kids to engage in a greater way with the sermon.

There will be no food or drink available, but you are more than welcome to bring your own.

Water fountains will be turned off.

For the time being, please allow non-contact greetings like waving and head nods to take the place of shaking hands, fist bumps, hugging, etc.

The CDC recommends everyone wear a facemask and we share in this recommendation but a mask is not a requirement for attending.

Please do not arrive more than 20 minutes prior to services and exit promptly to allow us time to clean and disinfect all areas.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it true that there are some people who are forbidden to attend the service?

Nope, that's not true. That said, if you are not feeling well or uncomfortable coming into the building, please consider joining us online.

Is it true that there is not going to be any coffee?

We realize that this is a tough one, but unfortunately this is true. There will be no food or drink provided, but you can absolutely bring your own!

I'm a hugger...will Sunday be hard for me?

It may be, as you will have to put your normal responses on hold. For the time being, please allow greetings like waving and head nods and the now popular elbow bump to take the place of shaking hands, fist bumps, hugging, etc.

All of this sounds fear-based. Doesn't that contradict scripture?

The guidelines that we've established are not based on fear. They are based on wisdom. We have sought the counsel of the HWC Church Board and our leaders. We have diligently researched best practices. We received counsel from wise medical advisors. We are in complete unity on this plan to reenter the building. The precautions that we are taking are based on wisdom.

I heard that the sermon is going to be shorter...this sounds almost too good to be true...is it true that I don't have to worry about a long winded preacher?

Now that's 100% true! The services will be 55 minutes in length, allowing restrooms and all high-touch areas to be cleaned.

Am I required to wear a mask for face covering?

The CDC recommends everyone wear a facemask and we share in this recommendation but a mask is not a requirement for attending. Masks will be available for those wishing to wear one.

If I wear a mask, will I be the only one?

In desiring to honor each attendee, HWC employees and volunteers will be wearing face coverings when in closer proximity to attendees.

I really like to hang around and visit after the service...will that be a problem?

It might be. At the conclusion of our services, we kindly request that you not linger in the building, so that the cleaning teams can accomplish their tasks. That said, we invite you to linger and visit outside.

I disagree with all of these guidelines...what can I do?

This is a great time to display Christian maturity. The Bible teaches there are times that we put aside our liberties for the sake of others (1 Corinthians 8, 10:24, Philippians 2:4). We all need to be cautious in our words, both spoken and written. We believe we can have unity in the midst of diversity.

How long are we going to have to worship this way?

That's a very good question. HWC leaders are committed to monitor what is best for the body in these uncertain times and we will be evaluating our ReGathering steps on July 13, 2020. We are hopeful that this plan is only temporary and much of what we value can be restored. In the meantime, we ask for grace. This plan is not perfect. There will be mistakes. But don't forget, "love covers a multitude of sins." I Peter 4:8

Who is going to win the Super Bowl this year?

This is a highly controversial question that we are going to hold off on definitively answering. Broadly speaking, we believe that it will be a team in the National Football League and that it could be a team that wears green and yellow jerseys or even purple and white jerseys. We are leaving an official answer on this question open for now and will revisit it at a later date where our society is less at odds with one another. We appreciate your patience on this matter.