FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUBURN, AL
PHASE IN PLAN FOR REOPENING

PHASE 1

Number of COVID cases increasing in Lee County.

Worship held online and via radio broadcast

Small groups, youth, bible studies, and Sunday School meet online

Church building is closed except for essential staff

Mission work continues through outreach as state and local guidelines allow

PHASE 2

Decline in COVID cases over a 14-day period.

Worship continues online and by radio

Small groups, youth, bible studies, and Sunday School can meet online OR offsite using socially distant protocols for outdoor gatherings as defined by local and state guidelines

Church meetings continue online

Church building is closed except for essential staff

Mission work continues through outreach as state and local guidelines allow

PHASE 2A

Decline in COVID cases over a 14-day period and an average positivity rate <12 % over the same period.

Worship continues online and by radio

Approved gatherings may be held on site. Specifically: an outdoor worship service and gatherings for youth & children. The church chapel will be made available on a sign up basis for prayer and reflection. All in person events will follow state and local guidelines.

Mission work continues through outreach as state and local guidelines allow

PHASE 3

Decline in COVID cases over a 21-day period and an average positivity rate <9 %

Worship continues online and by radio

Gatherings may be on site on church property starting with smaller groups. Small group protocols will be used. Church building is open for gatherings but submission of an event form must be approved by the church property committee and forwarded to session for approval prior to event.

Mission work continues through outreach as state and local guidelines allow

PHASE 4

Clear evidence of a significant decline in COVID cases over a monthly view (30 day period) and an average positivity rate < 6 % over the same period and recommendations from the medical community and ADPH that gatherings of worship can take place or a widespread vaccine is available and effective.

Worship continues online as well as opportunities for in person worship

Gatherings are allowed on church property, starting in small groups and moving to larger groups. Evaluation for in person children and youth and vulnerable adults will be made in this phase.

Building is open for gatherings but submission of an event form must be approved by the church property committee and forwarded to session for approval prior to event.

Mission work continues through outreach as state and local guidelines allow.

PHASE 5: Resume normal church activities.

Data Source: East Alabama Medical Center for Lee County, AL | Approved by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, 6.15.2020

Mask usage will be required in Phases 1-4.