



Centenary
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sanctuary Visits for Prayer and Reflection

Would you like to have an opportunity to visit our sanctuary during Holy Week for a time of quiet prayer? Centenary Downtown's sanctuary is our sacred space bequeathed to us by a Centenary family that spans generations. We long for a time when we can once again safely gather to raise our voices in prayer and song, and the Healthy Church Team is working toward that goal. The Team has sought and received permission from our District Superintendent to open the sanctuary for individual or family visits, provided we meet the health protocols established by the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Initially, we would like to offer an opportunity for individuals and households who are quarantining together to schedule a brief time for prayer and contemplation in our sanctuary on Tuesday, March 30, between 11am and 1pm. Depending on the response we get, we may offer a second session on Saturday, April 3, between 11am and 1pm.

If you are interested, please e-mail Jim Hill at jaschrhill@gmail.com by Saturday, March 27, to request a time. Here's how we will meet the Healthy Church protocols:

- All participants will be required to wear a mask and maintain appropriate distance.
- Scheduling—Depending on number of responses, we will schedule a 20- or 30-minute slot for the visit. This allows for arrival, escort to the sanctuary, 15-20 minutes in the sanctuary, and escort to a second exit while the area is cleaned between visitors.
- Safe Traffic Flow—Participants will note their preference for front or back entrance arrival. A program host will greet you at the designated entrance, review the information on the Health Acknowledgement Poster, and complete a symptom check and personal contact information. The host will escort you to the front of the sanctuary so you need not touch anything en route. At the end of the visit, the host will escort you to your exit.

Although we are not providing access to other parts of the building (e.g., fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms), restrooms will be available. We'll also be able to validate parking in our lot on Tuesday, if needed.

Please excuse the bureaucratic language; you will know and recognize your "host" and we will be delighted to see you!