

## Return to Worship Plan - Phase 2

1. Communication:
  - a. We will have pastoral communication and encouragement regarding our reopening plan, through a variety of media, at least 1 week prior to reopening. Video by John went out 5/19, email, social media too. The website will be kept up to date also.
  - b. We will encourage you to take responsibility for yourselves, assess your own risk category, and act within your comfort level. See the CDC guidelines here: [CDC High Risk Assessment](#).
2. Date:
  - a. Possibly June 14th - First Sunday for the congregation. This date is subject to change for a variety of reasons.
3. Two Worship Services: 9am and 11am
  - a. Will have a capacity of 100, in accordance with local max capacity guidelines, and will add more if/when able.
4. Children:
  - a. There will be No Nursery, Children's Ministry, or Children's Worship available during phase 2.
  - b. Children 2nd grade and up are welcome to attend the service (in accordance with our Children's Worship guidelines)
  - c. Children younger than 2nd grade MAY be allowed IF they are able to keep a mask over their nose and mouth for the duration of the entire service. Parents will be responsible for not only making this assessment prior to registration but also in leaving the service entirely if their child is unable to comply. We recommend practicing at home first.
  - d. NO infants/children under the age of 2 should wear masks, and therefore should not come to the service. (CDC guidelines)
5. Attendance:
  - a. Registration will be required for all who plan to attend. We will use Registrations on Planning Center to manage our headcount, and allow people to choose which service they will attend.
  - b. We may offer overflow seating in the Cafe, as able.
6. Masks & Hand Sanitizer
  - a. Masks will be required for everyone in the building, except for those on stage while they are on stage. Masks may be removed while outside if still maintaining proper social distance.
  - b. We will provide disposable masks for those who forget, but encourage members to provide their own.
  - c. We will also provide multiple hand sanitizer stations.
7. Seating:
  - a. Pews will be marked or roped off in order to maintain proper social distancing, probably every 3rd pew will be used.
  - b. We will have elders and deacons ushering people to appropriate seats (like at a wedding), filling in the farthest away/front spaces first and moving back towards the entrance of the sanctuary.

8. Flow:

- a. Welcome team and deacons will form a line outside the sanctuary for entrance to the service, social distancing observed. Welcoming with signs, masks, hand sanitizer.
- b. Prefer a flow into the sanctuary down the left aisle, returning down the right aisle.
- c. All doors, besides front sanctuary doors, in the building will remain locked. There will be no access to offices, children's rooms, or nursing mom's room, for anyone other than the staff and worship team.
- d. Prefer bathroom trips be kept to a minimum. However, when needed, occupancy and social distancing will be self-monitored.
- e. Exit from the service will be self-monitored and encouraged to happen quickly from the back to the front. Also, like at a wedding or funeral. Congregating outside will be encouraged, while also maintaining proper social distance.

9. Sacraments: as determined by the session

- a. Baptisms and Installations may be added during phase 2 if/when able to comply with social distancing measures.
- b. Communion may be available during phase 2, if able to maintain social distance and proper hygiene measures.

10. Worship Guides:

- a. We will use the online Worship Guide during Phase 2. This will also be available online prior to Sunday to be printed at home, if desired.

11. Live Streaming:

- a. We will continue live streaming at a new time of 11am for the foreseeable future, beginning on reopening day

12. Cleaning:

- a. We will add additional professional cleaning of common spaces in GASC both before and after Sundays.
- b. Additionally, we will have deacons, welcome team, and/or staff wipe down surfaces between services.

13. Offering:

- a. Online giving will continue
- b. You may still mail a check to the office as well
- c. There will be a locked collection box available in the sanctuary to drop your check in person

14. Restrooms & Water Fountains:

- a. Restrooms will be open, with social distancing and occupancy self-monitored.
- b. Water Fountains will be closed.

15. There will be no coffee or bagels available.

16. If you or someone in your household is sick, we ask that you remain home. Please see [CDC Guidelines... If you are sick or caring for someone who is sick](#) for full details on what you should do.