

# CTK Announces In-Person Services for March

## Isaiah 43:19

**<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert**

The pandemic has persisted and we have learned a great deal regarding transmission and protective behaviors. We have also learned that it is not going away any time soon! Our “God wants us to carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 5:13) We are more and more aware of the long-term impact of isolation on many of our parishioners and want to serve their needs. With the current downward trend in the numbers, we believe that it is time to offer in-person worship beginning on March 7, 2021. Love for our neighbors will look like limited attendance at in-person worship with safety precautions and continued online worship services

After long, prayerful and loving discernment the Re-Entry Team created several plans and phases for opening our doors for in-person services. This is Phase 1. In Phase 1---only Sunday services will be held in-person. Mid-week Lent services will be online. All meetings, Bible Study, etc. will remain online. Our building will remain closed to outside groups and meetings. The re-entry team will continue to assess when we move to the next phase. We appreciate your anticipated flexibility as plans will adjust with the changing environment.

Each person is asked to review the required protective behaviors below and then prayerfully determine if you feel comfortable returning for in-person services. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the members of the team listed below.

## **Covenant of Care for Phase 1 of IN-PERSON SERVICES**

- ❖ If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid, have recently been in contact with someone who has Covid, feel ill, please do not attend in-person worship but instead join us on-line this week.
- ❖ Pre-registration is required – on-line OR email/call the Jill in the office or Vicky Jaeger
- ❖ Masks required while inside.  
Hand sanitizer available upon entry.
- ❖ No congregational singing/choral speaking/responses.
- ❖ You are encouraged to be seated, so as to prepare for the service.
- ❖ Please maintain the social distancing of 6 feet.
- ❖ Please notify our office if you test positive for Covid after being at CTK.

**The first in-person service on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.** In this phase, registration will be capped at 75 congregants for this initial phase during the month of March. That number does not include staff and lay assistants. The total number of people in the building will be approximately 90. The team will continually review safety protocols and adjust accordingly.

\*\*\*If there is a COVID outbreak or exposure and worship needs to be cancelled, word will spread through the Connections, FaceBook, and on our website.

To register on-line for the March 7<sup>th</sup> In-Person Service, please click on this link.  
[Click here to Register](#) You may also call the office 262-646-2343

We continue to hold all of you in our prayers as God does a new thing in each of us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the team.

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## **COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for Phase 1 IN-PERSON SERVICES**

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The only entrance and exit will be through the two main doors off the parking lot/front of the building/ West Entrance. All other doors will be locked from the outside. The doors will be open if weather permits.

To keep people on the sanctuary side of the building signs will be posted on the other outside doors to direct people to the WEST entrance.

Hand sanitizer is available at the main entrances.

We will not use the coat closets; keep all winter clothing in the pews.

The pews have been repositioned so that there will be six feet from the back of the pew to the back of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pew behind it.

We will use every other pew, starting with the front row on the side aisles and with the 2<sup>nd</sup> row in the middle section. That will give us every other row pattern. The unavailable pews will be marked off with tulle.

This six-foot distance between seated people front to back seats 65 in the main sanctuary and 10 in the upper sanctuary. Parishioner attendance is limited to 75. Pre-Registration is required. The registration cap is firm. If there are any no-shows, we can allow walk-ins to register on-site.

We will limit lay assistants to approximately 15 which includes the staff, musicians, AV Team, and ushers. (No Assistant Minister, Lector, Communion Assistants or Acolytes).

Ushers will fill the seats beginning with the front pew to the back pew AND exit the service from the back row to the front.

Bulletins may be set in the pews to identify where the available seats are located.

The ushers make sure that people are spaced out appropriately within each pew.

Communion combo cups will on a table near the sanctuary entrance. Parishioners will take one as they enter the sanctuary. We will do communion while seated in the pews.

Hymnals, communion cards and other flyers have been removed from the sanctuary

Offering plates will be on tables at the top of the stairs. They will not be passed during the service.

The service will be shortened to last no more than 30-35 minutes.

Pastor will remain behind the rail throughout the service. Summer will remain in front of the rail approaching from a front pew or side ramp entrance to do her children's message OR pre-record it.

Mark and 3 musicians/singers may be in the choir loft with social distancing. The musicians are the only people allowed to sing during the service.

In phase 1: All singers, musicians, staff, volunteers and attendees will be masked at all times. All brass instruments are to have bell covers. No flutes will be allowed during phase 1.

Restrooms will be available for emergencies. Ushers will monitor the hall to safely direct people. Closed areas will be identified with signs.

Required Protective Behavior Signs will be posted on our Entry Doors

## **Outbreak Response Plan:**

Should a parishioner notify CTK that s/he received a positive Covid-19 result after attending church, CTK will notify all other parishioners who attended the same service as soon as possible via a combination of email messages, snail mail and phone calls as appropriate. The call team includes all members of the re-entry team.

## **Group Meetings**

The AV team may use the Upper Sanctuary whenever needed.

CTK Committees, Bible Studies and Faith Formation classes will continue to meet via zoom until further notice.

Outside Groups (B.S. Troop 20, Quilters, etc.) are not yet allowed to meet in the building.

The building is open for voting with the City Clerk's office responsible for cleaning/disinfecting the used areas following the event.

## **General Cleaning Practices:**

- Regular cleaning with 72 hours between uses of the sanctuary for services, baptisms, & funerals.
- Sanitize with disinfectant sprayer if the space is needed in less than 72 hours.
- HVAC Filters will be inspected monthly. They will be changed twice a year on the CTK side and as needed on the AGC side.
- Staff is responsible for disinfecting high-touch areas within their own offices/choir loft. Disinfecting wipes will be available for staff.



See, I am doing  
a new thing!

**Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it?**

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