

PROPOSAL FOR REOPENING NORTHMINSTER/CALVARY

Prior to Attending

- We will determine the capacity of available seating by using the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Barb and Tina Young will be responsible for taking reservations for these seats. If someone should want a seat for a given week and one is not available, that person will be given a reservation for the next week or another week of their choice.
- People may attend worship only if they are wearing a facemask. Facemasks will be available at the entrance of the sanctuary (along with bulletins) for anyone who forgot to bring their own. Hand sanitizer will also be available at the entrance.
- We will mark off areas where people may sit, which are spaced 6 feet apart from other worshippers on all sides and 12 feet from the pulpit. Members of the same household/family may sit together, but there needs to be six feet between family members or individual units.
- The only restrooms which will be open are the two located in the downstairs hall near the elevator and youth room. The restrooms beside the back stairwell will be closed and locked during the Sunday service.
- Every member of Northminster/Calvary is asked to stay home if they are running a fever or feeling sick in any way.
- Use of the elevator should be limited to only one person/family at a time.

Service Procedures

- Please enter the pews from the outside aisle, and exit the pews in an orderly fashion using the center aisle.

- To diminish airborne transmission of the virus, there will be no choir. However, a small bell choir or stringed instruments will be allowed provided that they are also spaced 6 feet apart.
- The congregation must bring its own elements for communion.
- There will be no “passing of the peace,” or shaking hands at the end of the service, or passing of the offering plate. An offering plate can be placed at the entrance as people come in.
- There will be no singing, group recitations or responsive prayers.
- The Fellowship Hall will be used for seating when the sanctuary reaches capacity. The congregation will be spaced 6 feet apart in this area as well.

Post-Service Procedures

- We will continue to livestream our services and post them on YouTube or another website.
- We will continue the practice of holding joint services in order to preclude the need for sanitizing pews, seats and tables between services.
- There will be no fellowship hours prior to or following each service until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.
- Those testing positive for COVID 19 within a two week period of church attendance should notify the church ASAP. A record of attendance will be maintained for three weeks. This will facilitate the opportunity to notify those attending said service about any potential exposure if needed.