

**First Baptist Church of Clayton NC**  
Reopening 11/15/2020

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

- 1. If I sign up to attend worship and then am not feeling well on Sunday, is it ok to still attend in-person worship?**

*If you are not feeling well, we encourage you to stay home and watch the service on the church website, Facebook or the rebroadcast on Vimeo. We want everyone to exercise caution so as not to potentially pass along any symptoms to someone else.*

- 2. If I forget to sign up by the deadline, may I just show up on Sunday morning to see if there is extra space?**

*We are asking everyone to be diligent in making reservations. However, if you forget to sign up and feel compelled to attend, you are welcome to show up and sign in. The ushers will ask you to step aside while they seat the registered attendees. If we are not at full capacity (100), you will be seated. If we are at full capacity, you will have to wait longer to see whether any of our registered attendees do not show up. If there is space, you will be seated.*

- 3. If I decide not to go on a Sunday morning, may I call someone to go in my place?**

*It is not necessary to find someone to take your place. Congregants may cancel their reservations up until 11am on Friday morning by calling the church office. The ushers will then know how much flexibility they have on Sunday morning to allow anyone who shows up without a reservation to participate in worship.*

- 4. May I stop by the church office or other rooms in the church before or after worship to pick up materials?**

*The only areas of the church open on Sunday mornings are the sanctuary and one set of designated restrooms. If you need to pick up or drop off items at the church, please do so during regular office hours Monday-Friday after checking in at the office.*

- 5. Will all members of my family be able to sit together in church?**

*It is okay to sit with family members with whom you closely associate outside of church, as long as you maintain the social distancing with others who may be on that same pew and who are not a part of your group. Pews have been roped off to maintain social distance in accordance with the 100 person capacity.*

**6. Will hearing assistance still be available for those who need the devices at in-person worship?**

*Hearing devices will be available for those in need and the ushers will direct you to them.*

**7. Will the sanctuary be available to reserve for other events such as funerals and weddings?**

*The primary use of the sanctuary at this time is for worship; however, church policy does allow use of the sanctuary for both weddings and funerals. The same guidelines that apply for worship will apply for each of these events at this time.*

**8. When will we add items such as communion and baptism back to our in-house worship services?**

*Communion and baptism are a special part of worship and will be introduced in accordance with the liturgical calendar and FBCC practice. A baptism is planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup> and communion is planned for our outdoor Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup> as well as in early January. Prepackaged communion packs will be used and other measures will be put in place to practice social distancing and to exercise caution.*

**9. How can I safely make a public profession of faith, either in person or from home?**

*For those participating in on-site worship, Dr. Clipp will invite folks to come down on the invitation hymn, if they feel led to do so. He will stand at an appropriate social distance from the respondee while speaking with the individual and will suggest a follow-up conversation after the service. If one comes seeking membership in FBCC, the church will confirm by raising hands, but there will be no greeting and handshaking with the new member afterwards.*

*For those participating from home, we will proactively provide information on the website, Facebook and worship service vimeos outlining how one can act on a call to make a profession of faith. That information will include phone and email contact information for Dr. Clipp and other staff.*

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