

Regathering Worship Guidelines

11 AM Sanctuary Service

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The following guidelines are based upon recommendations of the CDC and the North Carolina Dept. of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Interim Guidance for Places of Worship and Religious Services (Oct. 2, 2020).

- 1. Maximum attendance for worship services in the sanctuary will be limited to 100 people including ushers, musicians, staff, and media team.**
- 2. Worshipers will make advance weekly worship reservations by emailing or calling Terry McCallum in the church office.** The Worship Sign-Up List (reservations) will close each Friday at 11 AM before that coming Sunday's service. No standing reservations will be accepted. Worship Sign-Up Lists will be placed in the Greeters' box across from the office each Friday at noon.
- 3. Only two outside doors will be unlocked 20 minutes prior to service:** *the center Fayetteville St. vestibule door, and the Fayetteville St. handicap ramp door.* At opening time ushers/greeters will insure doors are anchored into open position for contact-free entry into worship. Greeters will ensure that worshipers' names are on the worship list and that all worshipers ages five and up are wearing **face masks** as they enter building. Free face masks or face coverings will be given to those who need them. Greeters will also point to hand sanitizers available at each entrance. Signage reminding people about physical distancing and the required use of face masks will be posted.
- 4. No printed bulletins, children's bulletins, or worship bags will be distributed by ushers/greeters.**
- 5. Only one set of bathrooms will be open.** Large bathrooms near the CDC Entrance Door. All other bathrooms will have signs posted: *Please Do Not Use.* Water fountains will be taped off to prevent use.
- 6. Sanctuary will be prepared for physical distancing** Every other pew will be roped off in advance. Six feet required between families. Hymnals, Bibles, and Visitor Cards have been removed from pews.
- 7. There will be no passing of plates.** Handmade collection boxes will be placed in the vestibules for worshipers to give when entering and exiting the sanctuary. Worshipers may continue to give by mail and through online giving as well.
- 8. There will be no congregational singing.**

9. **Special music will be incorporated in worship through solos and small groups.** Soloists may sing behind the plexiglass without a mask. Small group singers will be socially distanced and wear masks.
10. **There will be no nursery and no children's church.** Children will remain with their parents for the entire service.
11. **The 11:00 AM Service will be livestreamed for those worshipping virtually.** Then it will remain posted as a Video Vimeo afterwards for people to worship at their convenience as they do currently.
12. **After benediction, ushers/greeters will guide people to stand and leave, pew by pew.** Doors will be anchored in open position for contact-free exits.
13. **An email with the Worship Guidelines, along with a secure link to a video explaining the worship guidelines and a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be sent to all congregants on Friday, November 6th.** The video will also be posted to the church website and church Facebook page.
14. **An ushers/greeters training meeting will be held the week before in-person worship resumes.** A rotation list of ushers/greeters for each week will be distributed monthly.
15. **Disinfection of sanctuary and designated bathrooms will take place prior to the next use.**