



## COVID-19 Building Reopening and Public Worship and Gatherings Restoration Comprehensive Plan

We care for the Body of Christ by first taking care of our own body. If you are sick, do not come to church where you could put others at risk and worsen your own illness. If your children are sick, please keep them home from worship, faith formation, choir or youth group meetings.

For our worship life together for the immediate future we recommend and implement...

For the movement from Closure to Phase I, Phase I to Phase II, the new provisions begin the second weekend after the announcement. The date will be indicated by Congregation Council. This will give opportunity to effectively publicize and to prepare properly for the changes. If we need to revert to a previous phase, the reverted changes are effective immediately. These directives are subject to revision at any time by Congregation Council, the Pastors, or Administration and in accordance with statewide directives.

### Phase I

- Building reopened with reduced office hours (Monday - Friday 9-1) Access outside these hours by appointment.
- Continue suspension of large group worship in building until we can be assured of doing so safely, effectively, and meaningfully.
- Continue to support online offerings of worship, connection, and faith formation.
- Conducting a congregational survey to gauge members feelings on reopening and gathering.
- Begin planning for smaller in house and/or outdoor events.
- Encourage members to gather and/or host watch "parties" of live-streaming worship or faith formation events.
- Sanctuary available for individual prayer and reflection during office hours, as requested.
- Offer drive-up / take home holy communion following online service.
  1. Start 6/21/2020 and continuing on an every 3 week basis there after
  2. Distribution will be for a 1½ hour period in the parking lot with prepackaged, consecrated elements.
  3. Members/Guests drive up and pastors will give them the elements to consume at home.
- All outdoor activities including worship, faith formation, and fellowship gatherings approved, with safety protocols in place.
- Small group gatherings and support groups meeting outside in the parking lot or yard. Will begin allowing these groups in the building starting mid-July 2020.

### Phase II

- Building open 7am to 9pm. Office hours (Monday – Friday 9-1). Access outside these hours by appointment.
- Begin large group / In-house worship  
(a video will be produced to show you want to expect when you arrive to worship)
  - Reduced attendance
  - Maintaining social distancing and mask wearing
  - No choirs/ band/ or congregational singing
  - No passing the peace
  - No passing offering plate. Offering boxes will be placed at the rear of each worship space and in the Gathering Space
  - Communion will be done using pre-packaged elements distributed upon arrival to be held and communed at the appropriate time in the service.
- Continue to support online offerings of worship, connection, and faith formation.
- Sanctuary available for individual prayer and reflection during office hours, as requested.
- Small group gatherings and support groups meeting in the building still at reduced capacity and following safety protocols.