

Reopen Plan Details

Worship Times: Sun. 10:00 AM and Sat. 5:30 PM for both sanctuary worship and drive-in worship

Loving God and Loving Our Neighbor in Worship

What WE Will Do

As worshipers enter the building:

- Everyone will enter and exit the building via the north doors.
- In accordance with the Illinois statewide mandate, masks will be required for worship in the sanctuary, regardless of your vaccination status.

To accommodate physical distancing:

- Individual chairs will remain available on the sides of the sanctuary for those who continue to desire to keep some physical distance from others. In addition, the pews on the east (lectern) side of the sanctuary will continue to have every other pew blocked. This setup is to accommodate those who wish to continue social distancing.
- We have removed tape from the pews on the west (pulpit) side of the sanctuary for those who may sit closer together in larger groups.
- To the greatest extent possible, we will encourage worshipers to remain in their seats for the duration of worship.
- We will encourage conversations before and after worship be held outside in the open air.

To limit contaminated surfaces:

- We will increase cleaning of public spaces, especially commonly touched surfaces and seating areas, including before and after each worship service. A disinfectant spray will be used that is 99.9% effective at eliminating bacteria and viruses.
- We will prop doors open, whenever possible, so that worshipers do not need to touch door handles.
- We will provide hand sanitizer at the entrance and other strategic locations.
- All hymnals, Bibles, Friendship Registers, pens, and cards have been removed from the pews.
- We will hand out new worship folders for each service — no reusing bulletins or worship folders.
- We will not include the “sharing of the peace” during worship nor shake hands during pastoral greetings after worship.
- We will refrain from passing offering baskets for the foreseeable future — offerings can be dropped off in the offering plate on the way in or out of worship.
- We will be using the same pre-packaged communion elements that we have been using for the outdoor services.

To minimize the potential for viral droplets in the air:

- We will urge worshipers who desire to congregate after worship to do so outside the church building.
- Singing will be provided by a cantor or soloist. If congregants feel the urge to sing, please sing softly.
- If weather permits, windows will be opened for ventilation.

What We Need YOU to Do

- **STAY HOME ... if you are sick in any way (temperature, cough, nausea, etc.) Or if you lost your sense of smell or taste. Or if you might have been exposed to someone with the virus!**
- Please be aware that it will most likely take a little longer to get into the church and allow for that in your arrival time.
- Please allow those that are staying in their cars for outdoor worship to park on the north side of the building. Park on the west side if you plan to come in.
- There will be sanitizing stations at the entrance, for your sake and for those around you, please sanitize on the way in and out of worship.
- Please maintain a six-foot distance between you and others.
- Make sure that everybody uses the restroom before coming to worship. Restrooms will be available but being prepared will help limit people moving around.
- Be patient, understanding, and gracious — of others' space, opinions, actions, and ability to worship. These are tough times, and we seek to cultivate an atmosphere of grace in the spirit of Christian love.

What We CANNOT Do

- We cannot guarantee that there will be no one present who has the virus.
- We cannot predict what the future holds — how plans may have to change in the weeks ahead — but we do know the One who holds the future, and we live by faith in Him.