

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Whom We Serve,

As shepherds, we have been in prayer and conversation with our church staff about plans to return to public meetings. Our tentative date to resume public worship is May 31st , as long as it remains sensible and safe to do so. Our aim is always to glorify God in what we do. This includes honoring city, state, and federal leaders by submitting to stated laws and guidelines. At this time, these guidelines recommend that those 65 plus and those with underlying conditions protect in place. If you are uncomfortable meeting together at this time, we would encourage you to stay at home. You may still live stream the worship services.

Together with our church staff, your shepherds have put together the following conditions for public assembly going forward:

1. Our tentative start date is May 31st @ 10:00. No classes of any kind will be held at this time.
2. Access to the building will be at the central welcome center only, and the doors will be propped open.
3. We will meet in the auditorium with families sitting together with a 6 ft buffer in between families. If needed, ushers will guide any overflow to the balcony.
4. One pew will be left open between seated members.
5. No more than 2 individuals will be allowed in the restroom facilities, which is the central bathrooms.
6. Dismissal will be from back to front, one pew at a time with usher assistance. We ask that everyone exit the building as quickly as possible. Any visitation needs to be outside to protect others.

7. Lord's Supper – Communion emblems will be furnished in the foyer to be picked up upon entry. Ushers will pickup discard at the end of communion.
8. Contribution – Offering trays will be available in the back of the auditorium upon exiting.
9. The shepherds encourage members to wear masks, but they are not required. If you do not own a mask and are having trouble getting one, please contact the church office, and we will get one to you.
10. Sanitation - Hand sanitizers will be at the central welcome center. Pews, knobs, restrooms etc. will be sanitized weekly.
11. Water fountains will be off limits and taped closed, so please bring your own if you desire water.

All the above will be reassessed as time passes. We want everyone to remain safe. Your comfort level about returning to worship will be a decision your family needs to make without worrying about judgment from others.

Let us move forward in faith while serving our Lord as he is in ultimate control. May the good Lord bless each and every one of you.

We miss all of you,

Your Shepherds