

## Returning to Worship Preparations and Procedures

### Safety First

- Protection of health and well-being is our utmost concern. All plans are tentative and fluid; a spike in COVID-19 cases may result in suspension of in-person worship opportunities again at any time.
- ONLY worship-related gatherings and specific community outreach events at specific times and locations will be offered through July, 2020. No other ongoing FUMC groups or community groups will be using the facility through July. (No Sunday School, nursery care, meals, etc. will be available for the sake of safety). **Streaming of worship services will continue to be offered.**
- Most vulnerable populations must exercise good judgment about your attendance. Safety first! If you have an underlying health condition or are over 65 years old, please use extreme caution.
- **Everyone entering worship will be required to wear a mask at all times. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK IF POSSIBLE.** Those who do not have a personal mask will be provided one. Launder or dispose of masks away from the church grounds.
- **Three service times will be offered: 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. in the main sanctuary and 9:45 a.m. in Wesley Chapel. Service times will be 45-50 minutes. Facilities will open 25 minutes before start time.**
- The congregation is asked by survey to indicate their worship time *preference*...so we may plan accordingly. You will be asked to RSVP related to your preferred worship time(s). Please call the church office if you have any questions.
- When a worship space reaches capacity on Sunday morning, it will be closed to further participants and an alternative time will be suggested. Capacity with safe distancing in the sanctuary is approximately 130 per service; 80 in Wesley Chapel.

### Physical Space Prep, Cleaning and Maintenance

- Removal of hymnals, pads, pencils, offering envelopes, offering plates, and sanctuary pew cushions.
- Offering baskets will be available at two stations at the back of each worship space.
- A weekly, thorough, sanitizing cleaning of spaces used on Sunday will be required.

### Adjusted Practices in Worship, June 21 – end of July; Required Safety Precautions

- Multiple hand sanitizer stations will be available. All participants will be directed to a station before entering the main worship space(s).
- Ushers will wear masks and gloves, and make offering envelopes available upon entry. They will direct participants to properly socially distanced pew locations.
- At dismissal from worship, please maintain our flow of people out of the facility.
- A policy of no physical contact will be observed in worship. No physical “passing of the peace,” no embracing or handshakes, no offering of elements of communion on-site.
- In between services, custodial staff will wipe down all pews and surfaces with disinfectant to prepare for the next worship gathering.
- Public health directives will be monitored and followed at all times; a spike in cases in our area could prompt suspension of services in any given week. By mid-July, plans for adjusting worship procedures moving forward from August 1 will be evaluated and communicated.
- **Please refer to CDC guidelines for churches for further details:**  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/cdc-document-outlines-guidance-for-reopening-of-churches/>